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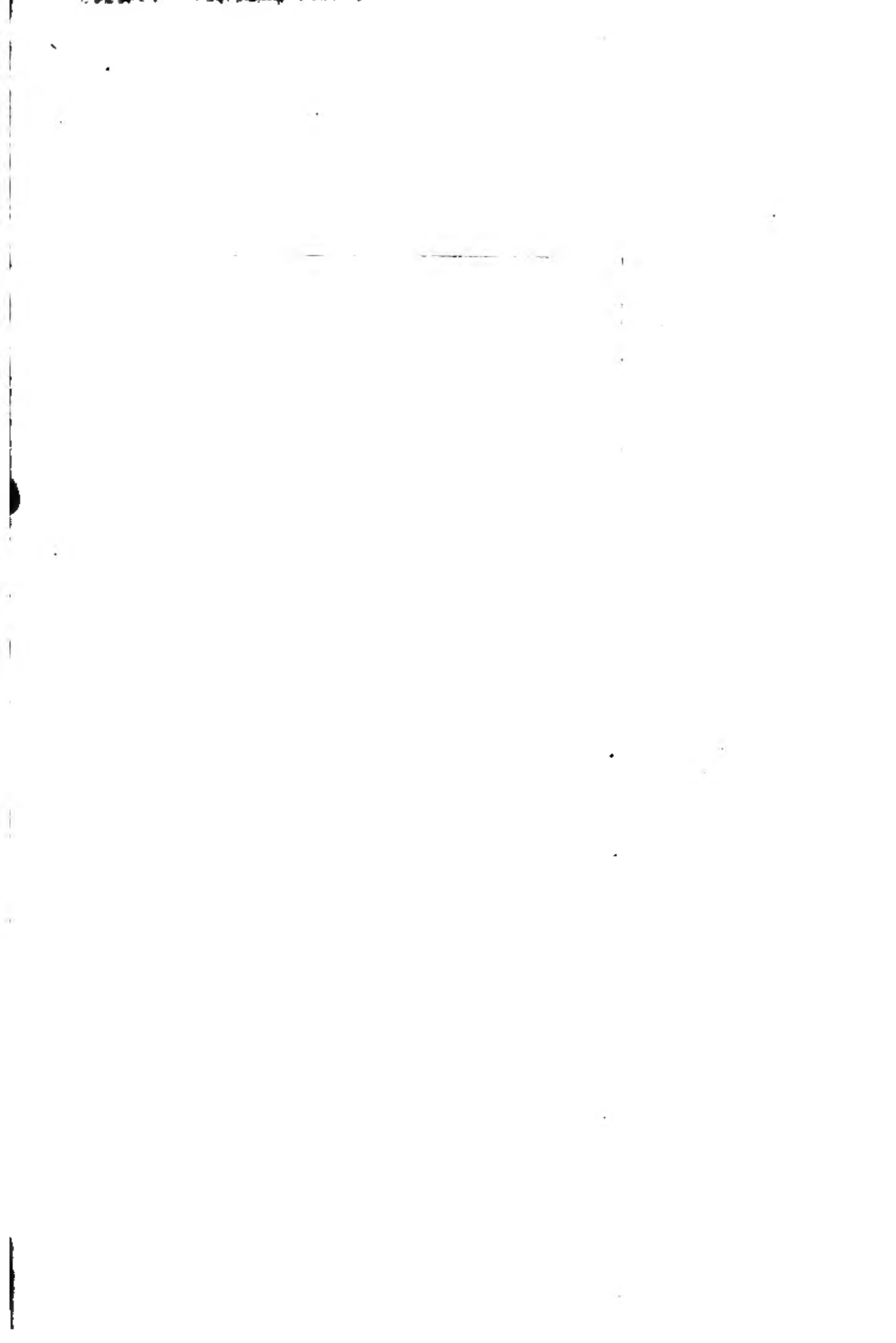
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1917.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Vermont, the members of the House of Representatives convened in the State House, in Montpelier, on the first Wednesday, being the third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, Hon. Guy W. Bailey, Secretary of State, called the House to order, when devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Fraser Metzger, the member-elect from the town of Randolph.

The names of the members-elect who had presented their credentials were called, whereupon it appeared that the following named members were present, and took their seats, to wit:

#### *Addison County.*

Addison.....	Ezra W. Whitford,
Bridport.....	Romaine L. Hemenway,
Bristol.....	Myron W. Wilson,
Cornwall.....	J. Howard Atwood,
Ferrisburgh.....	Stephen E. Noonan,
Goshen.....	Fay H. Chamberlin,
Hancock.....	Arthur L. Miller,
Leicester.....	Frank C. Ayer,
Lincoln.....	Lester A. Bryant,
Middlebury.....	Ira H. LaFleur,
Monkton.....	Daniel E. Meech,
New Haven.....	Charles S. Dana,
Orwell.....	Rollin C. Brown,
Panton.....	Walter R. White,
Ripton.....	John F. Stoddard,

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Salisbury.....	Paul S. Field,
Shoreham.....	Pliny W. Waite,
Starksboro.....	John W. Dike,
Vergennes.....	Frank W. Tuttle,
Waltham.....	Alanson G. Wright,
Weybridge.....	Charles M. Baker,
Whiting.....	Fred C. Rawson.

*Bennington County.*

Arlington.....	Thomas Higgins,
Bennington.....	William A. Root,
Dorset.....	Michael F. Kelly,
Glastenbury.....	Charles A. Becker,
Landgrove.....	Benjamin W. Beers,
Manchester.....	William H. Bundy,
Peru.....	Asa Brown,
Pownal.....	Frank A. Wilson,
Readsboro.....	Henry E. Blanchard,
Rupert.....	Charles G. Leach,
Sandgate.....	Harry L. Hayes,
Searsburgh.....	George J. Bond,
Shaftsbury.....	Grant Bronson,
Stamford.....	Arthur E. Dunn,
Sunderland.....	Alfred E. Bentley,
Winhall.....	Lucius P. Martin,
Woodford.....	Raymond A. Higgins.

*Caledonia County.*

Barnet.....	Leslie H. Thornton,
Burke.....	Frank H. Orcutt,
Danville.....	Eugene W. Hunt,
Groton.....	Harry M. Ricker,
Hardwick.....	Richard S. Hooper,
Kirby.....	James E. Warren,
Lyndon.....	Charles L. Stuart,
Newark.....	Coryden E. Ball,
Peacham.....	George W. Esden,
Ryegate.....	John A. McLam,
St. Johnsbury.....	Charles N. Whitney,
Sheffield.....	Arthur J. Dunton,
Stannard.....	Frank E. Burroughs,
Sutton.....	Willie I. Campbell,
Walden.....	F. Elmer Cox,
Waterford.....	Charles L. Hemingway,
Wheelock.....	Samuel W. Drake.



*Chittenden County.*

Bolton.....	Daniel J. Hayden,
Burlington.....	Joseph T. Stearns,
Charlotte.....	John R. Taggart,
Colchester.....	Daniel E. O'Sullivan,
Essex.....	Hammond W. Sinclair,
Hinesburgh.....	Mitchell J. Finney,
Huntington.....	Truman W. Johnson,
Jericho.....	George H. Hutchinson,
Milton.....	Charles J. King,
Richmond.....	Frank Harding Chessmore,
St. George.....	Lawrence Wellinger,
Shelburne.....	Walter M. Webster,
South Burlington.....	Daniel O'Brien,
Underhill.....	Allston L. Fogg,
Westford.....	Frank B. Adams,
Williston.....	George F. Irish.

*Essex County.*

Bloomfield.....	John C. Stanton,
Brighton.....	John S. Sweeney,
Brunswick.....	James O'Dowd,
Canaan.....	Fred C. Carlton,
Concord.....	John G. Chapman,
East Haven.....	Elmer N. Walter,
Granby.....	Arthur W. Shores,
Guildhall.....	Joseph N. Hardy,
Lemington.....	Harold A. Holbrook,
Lunenburg.....	George C. Bell,
Maidstone.....	Perley A. Ball,
Norton.....	John Cunningham,
Victory.....	Arthur Lynaugh.

*Franklin County.*

Bakersfield.....	Peter E. Shanley,
Berkshire.....	William S. Rublee,
Enosburgh.....	William B. Ladd,
Fairfax.....	Thomas F. Ryan,
Fairfield.....	Perry Chase,
Fletcher.....	Olney S. Carpenter,
Franklin.....	Arthur H. Gates,
Georgia.....	Fred W. Bliss,
Highgate.....	Daniel W. Steele,
Montgomery.....	Cortis M. Foley,
Richford.....	Henry A. Puffer,
St. Albans, City of.....	J. Gregory Smith,



St. Albans, Town of . . . . .	Jay T. Button,
Sheldon . . . . .	Theodore C. Jennison,
Swanton . . . . .	Arthur B. Bellows.

*Grand Isle County.*

Alburg . . . . .	Micajah T. Mott,
Grand Isle . . . . .	Charles H. Russell,
Isle La Motte . . . . .	Allen M. Hall,
North Hero . . . . .	Howard J. O'Neil,
South Hero . . . . .	Frank Trouville.

*Lamoille County.*

Belvidere . . . . .	Edwin S. Campbell,
Cambridge . . . . .	Charles L. Bellows
Eden . . . . .	Geo. H. Hinds,
Elmore . . . . .	Henry E. Hall,
Hyde Park . . . . .	Dennis C. Finnegan,
Johnson . . . . .	Harry O. Stiles,
Morristown . . . . .	Elmer A. Smalley,
Stowe . . . . .	Harry E. Pike,
Waterville . . . . .	George H. Beard,
Wolcott . . . . .	Geo. T. Allen.

*Orange County.*

Bradford . . . . .	Harry E. Parker,
Braintree . . . . .	Herbert F. Flint,
Brookfield . . . . .	Fred O. Ralph,
Chelsea . . . . .	Stanley C. Wilson,
Corinth . . . . .	Frank J. Eaton,
Fairlee . . . . .	Lee C. Andrews,
Newbury . . . . .	Warren W. Bailey, Sr.,
Orange . . . . .	Frank Haynes,
Randolph . . . . .	Fraser Metzger,
Strafford . . . . .	Fred W. Preston,
Thetford . . . . .	Charles C. Cook,
Topsham . . . . .	Chester H. Hight,
Tunbridge . . . . .	Will T. Noble,
Vershire . . . . .	Melvin B. West,
Washington . . . . .	Leo W. Seaver,
West Fairlee . . . . .	Hiram A. Kingsbury,
Williamstown . . . . .	James K. Pirie.

*Orleans County.*

Albany . . . . .	Arthur C. Cheney,
Barton . . . . .	Wm. W. Reirden,
Charleston . . . . .	John B. Buck,



Coventry.....	Homer Wright,
Craftsbury.....	Martin B. Johnson,
Derby.....	Wilbur M. Taylor,
Glover.....	Orrin G. Miles,
Greensboro.....	George W. Taylor,
Holland.....	Henry W. Demick,
Irasburgh.....	George W. Phillips,
Jay.....	Bernard H. Coburn,
Lowell.....	Henry A. Parker,
Morgan.....	George W. Gray,
Newport.....	Willard R. Prouty,
Troy.....	Floyd J. Miller,
Westfield.....	Frank D. Martin.

*Rutland County.*

Benson.....	George Deyette,
Brandon.....	George H. Young,
Castleton.....	James Cummings,
Chittenden.....	Chas. O. Wooster,
Danby.....	Guy L. Baldwin,
Fair Haven.....	Philip M. M. Phelps,
Hubbardton.....	Samuel T. Parsons,
Ira.....	Dexter D. Day,
Mendon.....	George H. Sergeant,
Middletown Springs.....	Crocker J. Clift,
Mount Holly.....	Russell B. Archer,
Mount Tabor.....	James G. Casey,
Pawlet.....	Wm. O. Williams,
Pittsfield.....	Loren E. Lamb,
Pittsford.....	John B. Candon,
Poultney.....	Henry M. Matot,
Proctor.....	Benjamin Williams,
Rutland, City of.....	Walter S. Fenton,
Rutland, Town of.....	Lee Kingsley Osgood,
Sherburne.....	Heber B. Miner,
Shrewsbury.....	Byron H. Aldrich,
Sudbury.....	John G. Bucklin,
Tinmouth.....	Edward C. Taylor,
Wallingford.....	Hadwen D. Hopkins,
Wells.....	Smith W. Buxton,
West Haven.....	James E. Adams,
West Rutland.....	Charles A. Parker.

*Washington County.*

Barre, City of.....	Frank G. Howland,
Barre, Town of.....	James Lawson,
Berlin.....	William Brown,



Cabot.....	Orrill F. Barrett,
Calais.....	Dell B. Dwinell,
Duxbury.....	John R. Dillon,
East Montpelier.....	Lewis D. Coburn,
Fayston.....	Daniel McLaughlin,
Marshfield.....	Clayton H. Collins,
Middlesex.....	Torry W. Hill,
Montpelier.....	Lynn B. Brooks,
Moretown.....	Jacob W. Bates,
Northfield.....	Matthias Cannon, Jr.,
Plainfield.....	Waldo E. Perkins,
Roxbury.....	George A. Roys,
Waitsfield.....	Clayton M. Richardson,
Warren.....	John L. Spalding,
Waterbury.....	Vernon L. Perkins,
Woodbury.....	George G. Hall,
Worcester.....	Chas. N. Curtis.

*Windham County.*

Athens.....	Fred P. Dunham,
Brattleboro.....	George L. Dunham,
Brookline.....	Herbert H. Howe,
Dover.....	Dan M. Hale,
Dummerston.....	Elbert C. Tenney,
Grafton.....	Fred O. Merrifield,
Guilford.....	Edwin W. Legate,
Halifax.....	Otis W. Amidon,
Jamaica.....	Roe E. Robinson,
Londonderry.....	Addison E. Cudworth,
Marlboro.....	Clifton D. Dalrymple,
Newfane.....	Dana R. Stedman,
Putney.....	Edward W. Aiken,
Rockingham.....	Frederick L. Osgood,
Somerset.....	Fred Vail Johnson,
Stratton.....	Ernest C. Pike,
Townshend.....	Edgar H. Allbee,
Vernon.....	Robert C. Allen,
Wardsboro.....	Martin L. Johnson,
Westminster.....	Charles G. Miller,
Whitingham.....	Edwin T. Wheeler,
Wilmington.....	Merton F. Barber,
Windham.....	Henry L. Chapman.

*Windsor County.*

Andover.....	Charles S. Leonard,
Baltimore.....	James E. Shepard,
Barnard.....	Dana B. Walker,



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Bethel.....	John S. Kimball,
Bridgewater.....	Julian L. Robinson,
Cavendish.....	Park H. Pollard,
Chester.....	Clinton O. Fullam,
Hartford.....	David A. Perrin,
Hartland.....	Henry T. Dunbar,
Ludlow.....	Ernest E. Moore,
Norwich.....	Fred W. Fitzgerald,
Plymouth.....	Herbert L. Moore,
Pomfret.....	Sardine H. Moore,
Reading.....	Walter S. Austin,
Rochester.....	William M. McCray,
Royalton.....	Perley S. Belknap,
Sharon.....	Wells C. Porter,
Springfield.....	Frank D. Gill,
Stockbridge.....	Angus H. Bix,
Weathersfield.....	John H. Hicks,
Weston.....	James N. Waite,
West Windsor.....	Fred O. Ranney,
Windsor.....	George O. Gridley,
Woodstock.....	George M. Rood.

The following named members-elect were not present:

Alstine A. Briggs of Granville,  
 Thomas Smith of Brownington,  
 Warner C. Daniels of Westmore, (deceased)  
 Louis N. Potter of Clarendon.

The Secretary of State directed the House to the election of a Speaker for the two years ensuing.

Mr. Metzger of Randolph presented the name of Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea.

Mr. Pollard of Cavendish presented the name of Daniel E. O'Sullivan of Colchester.

The ballots having been taken and counted by tellers, it appeared that Stanley C. Wilson had 211 votes, Daniel E. O'Sullivan had 27 votes and Daniel O'Brien of South Burlington had 1 vote.

Therefore, the Secretary of State declared that

STANLEY C. WILSON,

the representative from the town of Chelsea, having a majority of the votes cast, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing.



On motion of Mr. Smith of St. Albans City, the Secretary of State designated

Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Hicks of Weathersfield,

to wait upon the Speaker-elect, inform him of his election and conduct him to the bar of the House to receive the oath of office.

The committee performed the duty assigned them.

The Speaker was duly sworn and addressed the House as follows:

*Mr. Secretary and Gentlemen of the House of 1917:*

I thank you for this election to serve you as Speaker. It is an honor greater than I ever expected to receive. I realize my inability properly to fill the office. I know my deficiencies better than you do, but I believe that with your assistance I may perform the duties. It is only by working together in harmony that we can do our best, so I call on you all to do what I feel you will gladly do,—to give of your best work. I will do the best I can, and, while I shall make many mistakes, they will be of the head and not of the heart.

In the work of legislation we must remember that it is the quality and not the quantity of the product that will measure its value. We want a short session but not if it must be made so by hasty or ill-considered legislation. Let our work be done as quickly as is consistent with proper consideration but above all let it be well done.

Again I thank you and call your attention to the business of the Session.

The Speaker directed the House to the election of a Clerk for the two years next ensuing.

Mr. Prouty of Newport presented the name of Harry A. Black of Newport. No other nominations being made, the Speaker directed that the vote be taken *viva voce*.

The vote having been taken,

HARRY A. BLACK,

of Newport, was declared to be unanimously elected Clerk of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing.



The Speaker designated

Mr. Prouty of Newport,  
O'Sullivan of Colchester,

as a committee to wait upon the Clerk-elect, inform him of his election, and conduct him to the bar of the House to receive the oath of office.

The committee performed the duty assigned them.

The Clerk was duly sworn and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Thereupon, the representatives-elect present excepting Leslie H. Thornton, the member-elect from the town of Barnet, each took and subscribed the oath required by the Constitution and Laws of the State.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 1.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the rules of the last Session be the rules of the present Session until others are adopted;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 2.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that the House is organized and ready on its part to proceed with the business of the Session;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Reirden of Barton offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 3.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That His Excellency, the Governor, be informed by committee that the House has completed its organization, and is ready to receive any communication from him;

Which was read and adopted.



The Speaker thereupon appointed as such committee,

Mr. Reirden of Barton,  
O'Brien of South Burlington.

The committee performed the duty assigned them.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Page, their Secretary, as follows:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that a quorum of the Senate have assembled and organized by electing Guy M. Page of Burlington, Secretary, and William H. Fairchild of Franklin County, President *pro tempore*, and are ready on their part to proceed with the business of the Session.

Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 4.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:*  
That the House now proceed to the election of a Chaplain of the House of Representatives;

Which was read and adopted.

Thereupon the Speaker directed the attention of the House to the election of a Chaplain for the two years next ensuing.

Mr. Beard of Waterville presented the name of James H. Wills of Waterville.

Mr. Howland of Barre City presented the name of Edgar Crossland of Barre.

Mr. Gridley of Windsor presented the name of Parker C. Manzer of Windsor.

The ballots having been taken and counted by the tellers, it appeared that James H. Wills had 146 votes, Edgar Crossland had 65 votes and Parker C. Manzer had 28 votes.

There the Speaker declared that

JAMES H. WILLS,

having a majority of the votes cast, was elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing.



A Message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 1.) Relating to temporary joint rules;

(J. R. S. 2.) Relating to joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for State officers;

(J. R. S. 3.) Relating to joint assembly to receive the report of the joint committee to canvass votes for State officers;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Joint resolutions from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 1.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the joint rules of the last Session, so far as applicable, be adopted as the joint rules of this Session until others are adopted;

(J. R. S. 2.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That a joint committee to consist of one senator and three representatives from each county be appointed to canvass the votes for governor, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of accounts, attorney general, and United States senator, and report the result of said canvass to the General Assembly;

(J. R. S. 3.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly January third, at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon to receive the report of the joint canvassing committee appointed to canvass the votes for governor, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of accounts, attorney general and United States senator, and if it shall be declared by said committee that there has been no election by the freemen of any of said officers, then to proceed forthwith to elect such officers, other than United States senator, as have not been elected by the freemen;

Were severally read and adopted in concurrence.



The Speaker announced that the Clerk had appointed as his assistants:

Mr. Julius A. Willcox of Montpelier,  
Roswell M. Austin of St. Albans.

Mr. Smith of St. Albans City offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 1.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, January fourth, at two o'clock and fifteen minutes in the afternoon, to receive the message of the incoming Governor;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Hunt of Danville offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 2.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the auditor of accounts is hereby authorized to draw his orders on the State treasurer in favor of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House for such sums of money as are necessary to reimburse them for two daily newspapers and two weekly newspapers to be furnished to each of the members of the General Assembly, to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, the revisers of bills, the legislative reference bureau and State library; said papers to be published in this State;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Beard of Waterville offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 3.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, January fourth, at ten o'clock and forty minutes in the forenoon, to receive the message of the retiring Governor;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:



I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate to canvass votes for State officers and United States senator:

Senator Foote,  
Howe,  
Morse,  
Hubbard,  
Hawley,  
Ladd,  
Martin,  
Leavens,  
Bigelow,  
Russell,  
Aldrich,  
Bancroft,  
Dewitt,  
Cady.

The Senate have considered joint resolutions from the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 1.) Joint resolution to provide for a joint assembly to receive the message of the incoming Governor;

(J. R. H. 2.) Joint resolution relating to the furnishing of newspapers to members and officials of the General Assembly;

(J. R. H. 3.) Joint resolution to provide for a joint assembly to receive the message of the retiring Governor;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Speaker appointed as the special committee on the part of the House to canvass votes for State officers and United States senator the following named members:

Addison County..... Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury,  
Meech of Monkton,  
Dana of New Haven.

Bennington County..... Mr. Bundy of Manchester,  
Brown of Peru,  
Wilson of Pownal.

Caledonia County..... Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,  
Ball of Newark,  
Esden of Peacham.



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Chittenden County.....	Mr. King of Milton, Chessmore of Richmond, Wellinger of St. George.
Essex County.....	Mr. Holbrook of Lemington, Bell of Lunenburg, Ball of Maidstone.
Franklin County.....	Mr. Rublee of Berkshire, Ladd of Enosburgh, Ryan of Fairfax.
Grand Isle County .....	Mr. Mott of Alburg, Russell of Grand Isle, Hall of Isle La Motte.
Lamoille County.....	Mr. Campbell of Belvidere, Hall of Elmore, Smalley of Morristown.
Orange County.....	Mr. Flint of Braintree, Ralph of Brookfield, Haynes of Orange.
Orleans County.....	Mr. Johnson of Craftsbury, Taylor of Derby, Miles of Glover.
Rutland County.....	Mr. Parsons of Hubbardton, Day of Ira, Sergeant of Mendon.
Washington County.....	Mr. Lawson of Barre Town, Brown of Berlin, Barrett of Cabot.
Windham County.....	Mr. Osgood of Rockingham, Johnson of Somerset, Pike of Stratton.
Windsor County.....	Mr. Belknap of Royalton, Porter of Sharon, Gill of Springfield.

On motion of Mr. Dwinell of Calais, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted on their part joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 4.) Relating to joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for county officers, judges of probate and justices of the peace;

(J. R. S. 5.) To provide for a stenographer for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the third day of January he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 2.) Joint resolution relating to joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for State officers;

(J. R. S. 3.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly to receive the report of the joint committee to canvass votes for State officers.

Joint resolutions from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 4.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That a joint committee to consist of one senator and three representatives from each county be appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the votes given in each county for assistant judges of the county court, sheriff, high bailiff, State's attorney, and judges of each probate district for the two years next ensuing; also to receive and examine the certificates of the votes given in the several towns for justices of the peace for the two years next ensuing; to ascertain and declare the persons duly elected to said offices, and to report the said election to the General Assembly agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution;



(J. R. S. 5.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may, for the purpose of expediting the affairs of their respective offices, and the affairs of the Senate and House judiciary committee during the present Session, employ a stenographer, who shall serve during the pleasure of said officials. The pay of said stenographer shall be fixed by said officials, and certified by them to the auditor of accounts; and said auditor is hereby directed to draw his order in favor of said stenographer in accordance with such certificate;

Were severally read and adopted in concurrence.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Gates, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he will deliver his retiring message in the presence of the General Assembly on such date and hour as the two Houses may agree upon.

The Speaker announced the appointment, agreeably to law, of the following named persons as official reporters of the House of Representatives for the two years ensuing:

Mr. John G. Norton of Montpelier,  
Lawrence A. Kely of Montpelier.

The Speaker announced as the standing committee on rules the following named members:

Mr. Moore of Ludlow,  
Pollard of Cavendish,  
Phelps of Fair Haven.

*Joint Assembly.*

At two o'clock and thirty minutes, the hour for the joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Tunbridge, the House adjourned.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to read the journal of yesterday;

Whereupon, Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven, moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed as the members of the joint standing committee on joint rules on the part of the House:

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,  
O'Sullivan of Colchester,  
Hunt of Danville.

The Speaker appointed as the members of the joint special committee on the part of the House to canvass votes for county officers, judges of probate and justices of the peace the following named members:

Addison County.....Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Rawson of Whiting.

Bennington County.....Mr. Higgins of Arlington,  
Root of Bennington,  
Kelly of Dorset.

Caledonia County.....Mr. Hunt of Danville,  
Ricker of Groton,  
Hooper of Hardwick,

Chittenden County.....Mr. Hayden of Bolton,  
Stearns of Burlington,  
Taggart of Charlotte.

Essex County.....Mr. Stanton of Bloomfield,  
Sweeney of Brighton,  
O'Dowd of Brunswick.

Franklin County.....Mr. Gates of Franklin,  
Bliss of Georgia,  
Steele of Highgate.



Grand Isle County.....	Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte, O'Neil of North Hero, Trouville of South Hero.
Lamoille County.....	Mr. Pike of Stowe, Beard of Waterville, Allen of Wolcott.
Orange County.....	Mr. Seaver of Washington, Kingsbury of West Fairlee, Pirie of Williamstown.
Orleans County.....	Mr. Taylor of Greensboro, Demick of Holland, Phillips of Irasburgh.
Rutland County.....	Mr. Williams of Proctor, Fenton of Rutland City, Bucklin of Sudbury.
Washington County.....	Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, Bates of Moretown, Cannon of Northfield.
Windham County.....	Mr. Legate of Guilford, Amidon of Halifax, Robinson of Jamaica.
Windsor County.....	Mr. Leonard of Andover, Shepard of Baltimore, Walker of Barnard.

*Joint Assembly.*

At ten o'clock and forty minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived the Senate appeared in the hall of the House;

The joint assembly having concluded its Session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Dana of New Haven, the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:



*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have appointed as the members on their part of the committee under joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 4.) Relating to joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for county officers, judges of probate and justices of the peace.

Senator Day of Addison,  
Dimond of Bennington,  
Ricker of Caledonia,  
Wheeler of Chittenden,  
Hubbard of Essex,  
Fairchild of Franklin,  
Martin of Grand Isle,  
Leavens of Lamoille,  
Bigelow of Orange,  
Adams of Orleans,  
Dunton of Rutland,  
Demeritt of Washington,  
Eddy of Windham,  
Kendall of Windsor.

The Secretary has announced the appointment of Millward C. Taft of Bristol, as his assistant.

Mr. Smith, the member-elect from the town of Brown-ington, presented himself at the Bar of the House, received the oath of office and took his seat.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Gates, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the fourth day of January, he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 1.) Joint resolution to provide for a joint assembly to receive the message of the incoming Governor;

(J. R. H. 2.) Joint resolution relating to the furnishing of newspapers to members and officials of the General Assembly;

(J. R. H. 3.) Joint resolution to provide for a joint assembly to receive the message of the retiring Governor.



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*Joint Assembly.*

At two o'clock and fifteen minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Smith of St. Albans City, the House adjourned.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to read the journal of yesterday;

Whereupon, Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with at this time and for the remainder of the Session;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that when the House adjourns this forenoon it be to meet again on Monday evening next at seven o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on rules, submitted the following report:

*To the House of Representatives:*

The committee on rules respectfully submit the following report and recommend its adoption as the rules of the House of Representatives for the biennial session of 1917.



## RULES AND ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

### I.

#### *Organization.*

#### 1.

The credentials of representatives shall be presented to the Secretary of State previous to ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Wednesday next after the first Monday of January.

#### 2.

The Secretary of State shall make a roll by towns and counties of members who have presented their certificates and shall at ten o'clock on said day, as presiding officer, call the House to order and call the names of the members on the roll.

When a quorum of the House appears he shall direct the House to a choice of Speaker, by ballot. When a Speaker is elected he shall take the chair and the duties of the Secretary of State in the organization of the House shall cease.

#### 3.

The House shall then elect a Clerk who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, and a Chaplain.

Thereupon the representatives who are present shall each take and subscribe the following oath:

I,....., the Representative of the town of..... in the General Assembly of .... of the State of Vermont do solemnly swear that as a member of this Assembly, I will not propose, or assent to any bill, vote or resolution, which shall appear to me injurious to the people, nor do or consent to any act or thing whatever that shall have a tendency to lessen or abridge their rights and privileges, as declared by the Constitution of this State; but will in all things, conduct myself as a faithful, honest representative and guardian of the people, according to the best of my judgment and abilities. So help me God.

I do solemnly swear that I will be true and faithful to the State of Vermont, and that I will not, directly or in-



directly, do any act or thing injurious to the Constitution or Government thereof, as established by Convention. So help me God.

I do solemnly swear that I did not at the time of my election to this body, and that I do not hold, any office of profit or trust under the authority of Congress. So help me God.

I do further solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.

4.

Thereupon, the House shall, on the nomination of the Speaker, appoint a committee consisting of three members, from each county, to join such committee as the Senate appoints to canvass the votes for governor, lieutenant-governor, State treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of accounts, attorney general, and United States senator. And upon the second and third days of the Session, respectively, the House shall in like manner appoint the other canvassing committees required by the joint rules.

5.

Previous to the meeting of the House which shall occur next after the election of Speaker and Clerk, at half-past eight o'clock in the morning, or one o'clock in the afternoon, as the case may require, and before the House shall be called to order, the Speaker shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to cause all seats to be vacated and all members of the House to retire from the Representatives' Hall into the vestibule, the door keeper closing the door, and the Clerk shall place in a box prepared for the purpose, ballots designating by name the several towns in the State, and shall proceed to draw therefrom, impartially, one ballot at a time, until all are drawn; and as each ballot is drawn, the member from the town designated by such ballot shall be called into the hall by the door keeper and shall personally, if present, or may by proxy, if absent, select his seat, and shall occupy the same during the drawing, either by himself or his proxy. If any member from any town so drawn shall not be present, either himself or by his proxy, at the time of such drawing, the town next drawn shall have preference.

6.

As soon as may be after the beginning of the Session the Speaker shall appoint the members on the part of the House of the joint standing committee on joint rules. and



the standing committees of the House, but any appointment so made may on motion of a member, be overruled by the House, in which case the House shall on nomination of a member immediately fill the vacancy.

## II.

### *Of Sessions of the House.*

#### 7.

The House shall meet every day (Sundays excepted) at ten o'clock in the morning, and at two o'clock in the afternoon unless otherwise ordered.

#### 8.

Whenever the House shall assemble, according to adjournment, or at the commencement of a session, and the Speaker shall be absent, it shall be the duty of a member designated by him, if present, if not, of a member, to call the House to order, and the members present, if a quorum, shall elect a Speaker *pro tempore*, who shall preside until the return of the Speaker.

#### 9.

In case no quorum shall assemble within fifteen minutes after the time to which the House was adjourned, or whenever a roll call or a division of the House discloses no quorum present and voting, those present shall have the power to send the Sergeant-at-Arms, or other officer after the absentees and compel their attendance, or to adjourn.

## III.

### *Of Members.*

#### 10.

No member shall be absent without leave, from sessions of the House or meetings of his committees, unless he be sick or otherwise necessarily detained.

#### 11.

No member shall speak audibly to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the House, while public



papers are being read, or while a member is speaking in debate. And no member shall speak in debate unless standing in his place and addressing the Speaker.

## 12.

A member shall be excused from service on any committee upon his request, if at the time of his appointment he is a member of two other committees.

## 13.

When a member shall be called to order he shall sit down; and every question of order shall be decided by the Speaker without debate, subject to an appeal to the House.

## 14.

If a member be called to order for words spoken, the exceptionable words shall be immediately taken down in writing by the member calling to order, that the Speaker may be better enabled to judge of the matter.

## 15.

It shall be the duty of a member to vote upon all questions decided by a roll call or a division of the House.

## IV.

*Of Officers.*

## 16.

The Speaker, among other duties, shall preserve order, and in case of disorder may clear the galleries. He shall decide all questions of order, and his decisions shall be final unless a member immediately appeals, and such appeal is sustained by a vote of the members present.

## 17.

The Speaker may call upon any member to discharge the duties of the chair whenever he shall find it necessary to retire from it; and such member shall discharge all the duties devolving upon the Speaker for a time not to exceed six regular sessions; and if, at the expiration of said time,



the Speaker shall be unable to occupy the chair, the House shall elect from its members a Speaker *pro tem.*, who shall serve until the Speaker shall be able to resume the duties of his office.

## 18.

Whenever the House orders the appointment of a committee the Speaker shall be entitled to one recess of the House in which to make the appointment.

## 19.

When the House shall go into committee of the whole, the chairman shall be named by the Speaker.

## 20.

The Clerk shall be the reading Clerk of the House; he shall administer the oath of office to the canvassing committees, and to such other persons as the Speaker may direct.

## 21.

He shall prepare the Journal which shall record the proceedings of the House (except when acting in committee of the whole) including the titles of bills, proposed amendments, the names of the members and the votes which they give on every question decided by yeas and nays, and such other matters as may be pertinent.

## 22.

He shall transmit to the Senate all messages, which shall be in writing, and either delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or read by the Clerk in the presence of the Senate in session.

## 23.

He shall cause to be prepared, from time to time, a statement showing the status of each bill and the work of the Session.

## 24.

He shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified.



## 25.

The Assistant Clerks, shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties and may either of them, under the direction of the Clerk, or in his absence, perform any of the duties of the Clerk.

## V.

*Of Committees.*

## 26.

At the beginning of each session the following standing committees shall be appointed:

A committee on agriculture, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to agriculture.

A committee on appropriations, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred bills and joint resolutions appropriating money from the State treasury.

A committee on banking and insurance, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to banks, savings banks, trust companies, insurance and guaranty companies.

A committee on claims, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to claims against the State.

A committee on commerce and labor, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to commerce, domestic manufactures, weights and measures and labor.

A committee on conservation, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred bills relating to conservation of State resources, water powers, forestry and internal development.

A committee on corporations and franchises, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to private and quasi public corporations, including railroads, street railways and other companies subject to the Public Service Commission.

A committee on education, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to literary and scientific subjects and the public school system.

A committee on educational institutions, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the State schools, normal schools and colleges.

A committee on federal relations, of seven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the government of the United States and the relations of the State thereto.



A committee on fish and game, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the propagation and preservation of the fish and game of the State.

A general committee, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to subjects for which there is no other appropriate committee.

A committee on highways and bridges, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to highways and bridges.

A committee on judiciary, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to judicial and legal affairs, except such as relate to municipal and justice courts.

A committee on library, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the State library and other libraries.

A committee on mileage and debentures, of one member from each county, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the mileage and debentures of the members of the House.

A committee on military affairs, of fifteen members to whom shall be referred matters relating to the militia.

A committee on minor courts, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred bills relating to municipal and justice courts.

A committee on municipal corporations, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to municipal corporations.

A committee on penal institutions, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the house of correction and the State prison.

A committee on public buildings, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to public buildings other than those at institutions the business with respect to which is otherwise provided for by rule.

A committee on public health, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the preservation of health.

A committee on rules, of three members, who shall propose, and to whom shall be referred matters relating to the rules of the House.

A committee on State and court expenses, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the expenses of the administration of government and justice.

A committee on State institutions, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the State industrial school, the State school for feeble-minded, the State hospital for the insane, and other institutions for insane and defectives.



A committee on suffrage and elections, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to suffrage, nominations, elections, and the election of members.

A committee on taxation, of fifteen members to whom shall be referred matters relating to local taxation and the grand list.

A committee on temperance, of fifteen members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquor.

A committee on town lines, of seven members, to whom shall be referred matters relating to town lines and county seats.

A committee of ways and means, of eleven members, to whom shall be referred matters affecting the revenue of the State and who shall inquire into the State of the treasury; ascertain the amount of debts due the State, and the claims against it; report the amount of taxes necessary to be raised for the support of the government and inquire what measures, if any, ought to be adopted, the better to equalize the public burdens, secure the accountability of public agents, and otherwise improve the financial concerns of the State.

27.

The member first named shall be chairman and the committee at its first meeting shall choose a clerk.

28.

Meetings of all committees shall be upon the call of the chairman. Provided, however, that stated meetings of committees may be arranged by the Speaker with the consent of the chairman of such committees, but no committee shall sit during a session of the House without leave from the House.

29.

The introducer of a bill, and all other persons who shall so request of the chairman or clerk of the committee, shall be given an opportunity to be heard upon a measure referred to a committee.

30.

The clerk of each committee shall keep a record with reference to each bill considered, first, of the persons making requests to be heard; of the notice, if any, that is given; of



the dates when the bill is considered, and the vote of each member of the committee thereon, which record shall be open to the inspection of the public at proper times and places.

31.

All committees to whom a bill shall be referred shall report the same to the House within fifteen days after such reference, unless otherwise ordered by the House. The Clerk shall print in the calendar a list of all bills which shall have been in the hands of committees for more than such fifteen days.

32.

When there shall be referred to a committee, other than the committee on appropriations, any bill which carries an appropriation, said committee, after considering said bill and before the same shall be reported favorably to the House, shall, through its chairman, confer with the committee on appropriations and shall in its report state that it has so conferred. When the committee on appropriations so desires it may file with the report of the committee to whom the bill was referred a special report as to the relation to state finances of the appropriation carried by the bill.

33.

Reports of committees may be signed by any member in behalf of the committee, and shall be promptly delivered by him to the Clerk of the House. The signer of each report shall be held responsible for the accuracy of its statements and the propriety of its language, and, when the same shall be under consideration, he shall be further liable to give additional statements of facts or other explanations in answer to the call of any member.

VI.

*Of the Calendar.*

34.

The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed a daily calendar of business which shall be called the "Orders of the Day." It shall contain, *first*, the title of all bills which on the preceding day shall have been ordered to a



third reading; *second*, the titles of all bills reported by committees with proposed amendments, if any; *third*, other matters in order for consideration; *fourth*, matters ordered to lie; together with other pertinent memoranda. Each division of the calendar shall be arranged numerically, giving precedence to Senate business.

## 35.

No bill shall be read the second or third time or passed or rejected, and no rule shall be amended or suspended for more than one sitting, unless appearing in the orders of the day.

## 36.

The first hour of each sitting may be devoted to the reception and disposal of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, motions, resolutions and reports of special committees; after which bills may be introduced and bills from the Senate referred.

## 37.

The orders of the day shall then be taken up, first disposing of the unfinished orders of the preceding day. It shall not be in order to interrupt the order of the day with any other business, except a motion to adjourn, or that when the House adjourns it be to a time certain, and to receive messages from the Governor or from the Senate.

## 38.

After entering upon the consideration of the orders of the day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course as follows: Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order and disposed of by the House.

## 39.

Whenever a bill or resolution is laid on the table by order of the House, it may at any time be called up by a member, and when it shall have remained on the table twenty-four hours it shall be subject to be taken up by the chair and in either case shall be placed in the orders of the day for the succeeding day.



## VII.

*Of Bills and Joint Resolutions.*

## 40.

No bills, except such as may be reported from the several committees, shall be introduced into the House after the first Tuesday of February next, provided that bills when delivered to the legislative draftsmen shall, for the purpose of this rule, be deemed to have been introduced.

## 41.

Bills amending existing law, whenever practicable, shall be so prepared as to show the new matter proposed, old matter retained, and old matter to be omitted, and shall have the title and name of the introducer printed at the beginning. The subject matter of a bill shall be briefly indicated in the title, and if the bill amends existing law the title shall so specify.

## 42.

All bills intended for presentation by any member of the House shall be first presented to the legislative draftsmen, whose duty it shall be, within three days after receiving each bill, to examine and revise the same as to form and expression, so far as it may require and, after certifying to such revision said draftsmen shall procure said bills to be correctly set in type by the printer designated by the purchasing agent.

## 43.

The Clerk shall cause to be printed in such form as he may prescribe, with suitable margins and spaces, and with the lines of the sections numbered, one original and not less than four hundred and fifty copies of said bill.

## 44.

The Clerk shall submit the original bill to the Speaker for his examination, after which it shall be read the first time by title only and by the Speaker referred to an appropriate committee.



## 45.

If the committee to whom a bill is referred report that the same ought not to pass, the question shall be, Shall this bill be rejected? If the question upon rejection is negatived, the bill, if it has been read but once, shall thereupon be read the second time.

## 46.

If the committee to whom a bill was referred report that the bill ought to pass it shall be read the second time.

## 47.

If the bill be reported favorably without amendment the second reading shall be in full, and thereupon the question shall be, Shall the bill be read the third time? Pending which question the bill shall be open to amendment.

## 48.

If the bill be reported favorably with amendment the second reading shall be in full of the bill as proposed to be amended, and the question shall be first upon the amendments recommended by the committee, after which the procedure shall be the same as in case of bills reported without amendment.

## 49.

Bills reported by a committee shall be read the first time and placed on the calendar of the succeeding day for their second reading.

## 50.

The third reading of a bill shall be by title only unless its reading in full is demanded by a member or directed by the Speaker.

## 51.

No motion to amend after the third reading shall be in order except by vote of the House. The request for leave shall be accompanied by a statement of the proposed amendment, but the question upon the request shall be decided without debate.



## 52.

A bill may be recommitted at any stage.

## 53.

Joint resolutions shall be treated in the same manner as bills except that joint resolutions expressing the sentiments of the General Assembly, relating to adjournment, other than final adjournment, and relating to joint assemblies may be adopted upon their first reading, provided however, that in the discretion of the Speaker any joint resolution may be treated as a bill. But no joint resolution need be revised by the Legislative Draftsmen, or printed except in the journal.

## 54.

Joint resolutions of the two Houses shall not be used for the purposes of general legislation but shall be in order for the purpose of expressing the sentiments of the legislature, for special appropriations incidental to the session and business of the General Assembly, for agreeing upon adjournments and other inferior and incidental purposes of legislation.

## VIII.

*Of Motions.*

## 55.

Every motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover if required thereto by the Speaker or a member.

## 56.

When a question is pending, no motion shall be received except

To adjourn,

To adjourn to a day certain,

That when the House adjourn it shall be to a day certain,

To take a recess,

To lay on the table,

To postpone indefinitely,

To postpone to a day certain,

To commit,

To amend,

To reconsider,

To suspend a rule,

which several motions shall have precedence as they stand arranged.



57.

No motion shall be in order when the House is engaged in voting.

IX.

*Of Amendments.*

58.

Amendments shall be in order from the floor at the second reading, after the amendments, if any, recommended by the committee are disposed of by the House.

59.

It shall not be in order to amend a bill from the Senate, but the motion shall be that the House propose to the Senate to amend.

60.

Every amendment, or proposal to the Senate to amend, shall be submitted in writing.

61.

In filling blanks as to amounts or time, the pendency of one motion shall not preclude another motion, but the largest sum and the longest time shall be first in order, and the adoption of one motion shall negative the remaining motions.

62.

The rejection of a motion to strike out and insert one proposition shall not preclude a motion to strike out and insert a different proposition, or a motion to simply strike out; nor shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent motion to strike out and insert.

63.

An amendment previously adopted may be amended, but not so as to substantially negative the amendment already adopted.



## 64.

If the Senate propose to the House to amend, the question shall be, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? But it shall be in order to move that the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with an amendment; or that the House refuse to concur and ask for a committee of conference.

## 65.

If the House shall disagree to a Senate proposal of amendment the following motions shall be in order and shall be privileged in the order named: *First*, that the House recede; *Second*, that the House insist and ask for a committee of conference; *Third*, that the House adhere.

## X.

*Of Debate.*

## 66.

No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the House, and members who have once spoken shall not again be entitled to the floor (except for the purpose of explanation) to the exclusion of another who has not spoken.

## 67.

A motion to adjourn, to take a recess, and to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

## 68.

In all cases the member first arising and addressing the chair (subject to the restriction of Rule 66) shall be entitled to the floor, and when two or more arise at the same time the Speaker shall name the one who is to speak.

## 69.

If the question in debate contains more than one point the same shall be divided on demand of a member, except that a motion to strike out and insert shall not be divided.



## 70.

At any time in the course of debate a member may move "*That debate upon the pending question do now close,*" and the Speaker shall put the question to the House without debate, and, if the motion is decided in the affirmative, debate shall be closed on the immediate pending question. Or a member may move "*That debate on the whole question do now close,*" and if the motion be decided in the affirmative, debate shall be closed on the whole question, and the main question shall be put in its order; and no motion, except a motion to substitute either of said motions for the other, shall be in order until the main question is put and decided.

## XI.

*Of Voting.*

## 71.

The yeas and nays upon any question shall be taken if demanded by five members.

## 72.

A division of the House shall be had upon order of the Speaker or upon demand of five or more members.

## 73.

No member or other person shall remain by the Clerk's desk when the yeas and nays are being called or ballots counted.

## 74.

When the yeas and nays are taken or upon a division of the House, every member present shall vote unless excused by the House; but no member shall be compelled to vote who was absent when the question was stated from the chair.

## 75.

Unless by leave of the House no member shall be permitted to vote who was not within the bar of the House when his name was called. And if any member shall ask to vote after his name was called he shall not be permitted



to do so without leave of the House unless he assures the chair that he was within the bar of the House when his name was called.

76.

No member shall be permitted to vote upon any question in which he is immediately or directly interested.

77.

The Speaker shall not be compelled to vote except in case of ballots, or when the House be equally divided, or when his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal, and in case of such equal division the question shall be lost.

## XII.

### *Of Reconsideration.*

78.

No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made before the close of the next day of actual sitting of the House after that in which the vote was taken.

79.

No member, unless he voted with the majority on the decision of a question, shall have the right to move a reconsideration thereof.

80.

When a question has been once reconsidered the decision then arrived at shall not be again reconsidered. Nor when a motion to reconsider has been negatived shall that question be reconsidered, or a like motion be again in order.

## XII .

### *Miscellaneous Provisions.*

81.

When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the House.



## 82.

All petitions shall be referred to a committee without reading, unless the reading be demanded by a member.

## 83.

On motion of a member the House may resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on any pending question.

## 84.

No person shall be admitted within the lobby of the House except the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, members of the other House, Judges of the Supreme Court, Superior Judges, Senators and Representatives in Congress, ex-Governors, and Lieutenant Governors, ex-Judges and ex-Justices of the Supreme Court, Ex-Senators of the State Senate, District Judges, and Attorney of the United States, members of other State Legislatures, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate and the Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and such ladies and gentlemen as the Speaker or a member may introduce. Reporters may be placed on the floor of the House.

## 85.

The House having taken the final vote upon any question the same shall not be in order during the same session in any form whatever except by way of reconsideration.

## XIV.

*Suspension of Rules.*

No rule of the House shall be suspended except by vote of three-fourths of the members present.

ERNEST E. MOORE,  
PARK H. POLLARD,  
PHILIP M. M. PHELPS,

*Committee on Rules.*

Which report was read, and pending the question, Will the House adopt the report? On motion of Mr. Moore the report was ordered to lie.



Mr. Fenton, from the joint committee on joint rules, submitted the following report:

## **REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES.**

*To the House of Representatives:*

The joint committee on joint rules respectively submit the following report and recommend the adoption thereof on the part of the House as the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for the biennial session of 1917.

### **JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

#### **I.**

##### *Of Joint Committees.*

##### **1.**

At the beginning of each session a joint standing committee on joint rules, consisting of three senators and three representatives, shall be appointed by the presiding officer of each House. Said committee shall report to each House.

##### **2.**

Each House shall, on the first day of each session, appoint members of a joint canvassing committee to consist of one senator and three representatives from each county, to canvass votes for governor, lieutenant-governor, state treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of accounts, attorney general and United States senators, and report the result of said canvass to the General Assembly.

##### **3.**

On the second day of the Session each House shall appoint members of a committee to consist of one senator and three representatives from each county to receive and examine the certificates of the votes given in each county for assistant judges of the county court, sheriff, high bailiff, state's attorney and judges of each probate district for the two years next ensuing; also to receive and examine the certificates of the votes given in the several towns for justices of the peace for the two years next ensuing, to ascertain and declare the persons duly elected to said offices, and to report the said election to the General Assembly agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution.



## 4.

On the third day of the Session each House shall appoint a joint committee consisting of one senator and three representatives from each county, to canvass votes given in the several congressional districts and declare those persons having a majority of all the votes cast in said districts respectively, to be elected representatives to represent this State in the Congress of the United States.

## II.

*Of Joint Hearings.*

## 5.

Committees of like functions of the Senate and House of Representatives may, for the purpose of facilitating business, meet together as a joint committee, for the purpose of public hearings. They may consider in joint conference all measures, but shall take action separately and shall report only to their respective Houses. Such joint committee shall be formed upon the request of a committee of either house.

## III.

*Of Committees of Conference.*

## 6.

In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, if either shall request a conference and appoint a committee for that purpose, the other house shall also appoint a committee on its part. Such committees shall consist of three members from each house.

## 7.

They shall meet at an hour to be agreed upon by their chairmen and state to each other, verbally or in writing, the reasons of each House for its vote on the subject matter of disagreement; confer freely thereon, and make report of their doings to their respective Houses as soon as may be. The papers referred to a committee of conference shall be returned to the house other than that in which the measure originated.



## 8.

If either House shall reject the report of a committee of conference, or the committee shall fail to agree, either House may thereupon ask for another committee of conference.

## IV.

*Of Joint Assembly*

## 9.

A joint assembly shall be formed by a union of the Senate and House of Representatives in the hall of the latter, at such times and for such specific purposes only as may be expressed in a joint resolution of both Houses; and may adjourn from time to time during the session of the General Assembly. The President of the Senate, shall, in all cases, preside over, and the Secretary of State, or in his absence the Secretary of the Senate, shall officiate as Clerk; and the rules of the Senate, as far as applicable, shall be observed in regulating the proceedings of every joint assembly.

## 10.

The proceedings of every joint assembly, including the resolution ordering the same, shall be recorded by the Clerk in a book kept for that purpose, which shall be preserved in the office of the Secretary of State, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Governor by the Secretary of State, and shall also be published with the journal of the proceedings of the Senate.

## 11.

A three-fourths vote of all present shall be required for the suspension of any joint rule.

## V.

*Of Bills and Joint Resolutions.*

## 12.

When bills and joint resolutions are on their passage between the two Houses they shall be verified by the attestation of the Secretary or Clerk of each House, or their assistants.



## 13.

Each House shall give notice to the other of its action upon any measure originating in the other and shall return all such bills or joint resolutions with the accompanying papers.

## 14.

Either House may substitute for the original bill or joint resolution a copy found and attested by the joint standing committee on joint rules to be a true copy.

## 15.

A bill or joint resolution shall be lost when: (1) Either House shall have rejected it; (2) Shall have adhered to a vote of disagreement; (3) When a committee of conference has been appointed and has reported a disagreement or has reported and the report been rejected by either house, and no further proceedings taken. But a vote of rejection or adherence, or the rejection of the report of a committee of conference may be reconsidered.

## 16.

After a bill, or joint resolution requiring the approval of the Governor, shall have passed both Houses, before being delivered to the Governor for his approval it shall remain for three days in the files of the Clerk of the House in which it originated, unless either House shall otherwise order, or the Governor shall sooner request it. But said Clerk shall in the interval prepare and deliver to the Executive Department a true copy of said bill or joint resolution.

## VI.

*Of Amending Joint Rules.*

## 17.

The joint rules may be amended or suspended by joint resolution at any time.

MELVIN G. MORSE,  
H. E. TAYLOR,  
H. S. PECK.

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

WALTER S. FENTON,  
DANIEL E. O'SULLIVAN,  
EUGENE W. HUNT.

*Committee on the part of the House.*



Which report was read, and pending the question, Will the House adopt the report on its part? On motion of Mr. Fenton the report was ordered to lie.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that he has this day appointed Harvey E. Goodell of Whitingham, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and John N. Harvey, of the City of Barre, Executive Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph, the House adjourned.

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#### MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow called up the report of the committee on rules, and the question being, Will the House adopt the report of the committee as the rules of the House? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City called up the report of the joint committee on joint rules, and the question being, Will the House adopt the report of the joint committee on its part as the joint rules? It was decided in the affirmative.

Joint resolutions were severally introduced, read and adopted on the part of the House, as follows:

By Mr. Austin of Reading,

(J. R. H. 4.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Vermont Historical Society for the evening of Tuesday, January 16, 1917, for the purpose of its public exercises and an address by Mr. Lyman S. Hayes on "The Navigation of the Connecticut River".



By Mr. Hunt of Danville,

(J. R. H. 5.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That a joint committee consisting of one senator from each county be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, to canvass votes given in the several congressional districts, and declare those persons having the greatest number of votes cast in said districts respectively to be elected representatives to represent this State in the Congress of the United States.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following standing committees of the House:

*On Agriculture.*

Mr. Candon	of Pittsford,
Amidon	of Halifax,
Spalding	of Warren,
Gill	of Springfield,
Seaver	of Washington,
Barrett	of Cabot,
Wright	of Coventry,
Smalley	of Morristown,
Atwood	of Cornwall,
Dunn	of Stamford,
Cox	of Walden,
Hutchinson	of Jericho,
Bliss	of Georgia,
Walter	of East Haven,
Porter	of Sharon.

*On Appropriations.*

Mr. Smith	of St. Albans City,
Parker	of Bradford,
Osgood	of Rockingham,
Perkins	of Waterbury,
Williams	of Proctor,
Hicks	of Weathersfield,
Coburn	of East Montpelier,
Hunt	of Danville,
Chessmore	of Richmond,
Wilson	of Bristol,
Pike	of Stowe,
Bell	of Lunenburg,
Coburn	of Jay,
Perrin	of Hartford,
Blanchard	of Readsboro.



*On Banking and Insurance.*

Mr. Howland	of Barre City,
Fullam	of Chester,
Smith	of St. Albans City,
Young	of Brandon,
Stuart	of Lyndon,
Puffer	of Richford,
Sweeney	of Brighton,
Perrin	of Hartford,
Gridley	of Windsor,
Williams	of Proctor,
Metzger	of Randolph,
Root	of Bennington,
Johnson	of Huntington,
Rawson	of Whiting,
Wheeler	of Whitingham.

*On Claims.*

Mr. LaFleur	of Middlebury,
Bates	of Moretown,
Aiken	of Putney,
Stedman	of Newfane,
Bellows	of Cambridge,
Bellows	of Swanton,
Sinclair	of Essex,
Bentley	of Sunderland,
Noble	of Tunbridge,
Moore	of Plymouth,
Chapman	of Concord,
Bell	of Lunenburg,
Campbell	of Sutton,
Russell,	of Grand Isle,
Casey	of Mt. Tabor.

*On Commerce and Labor.*

Mr. Pirie	of Williamstown,
Young	of Brandon,
Coburn	of East Montpelier,
Stedman	of Newfane,
Lawson	of Barre Town,
Waite	of Shoreham,
Brown	of Berlin,
Cheney	of Albany,
Ranney	of West Windsor,
Miner	of Sherburne,
Button	of St. Albans Town,



Mr. Ricker	of Groton,
Becker	of Glastenbury,
Taggart	of Charlotte,
Lynaugh	of Victory.

*Conservation.*

Mr. Parker	of Bradford,
Dunham	of Brattleboro,
Tenney	of Dummerston,
Williams	of Pawlet,
Taylor	of Derby,
Bellows	of Swanton,
Irish	of Williston,
Perkins	of Plainfield,
Bix	of Stockbridge
Campbell	of Belvidere,
Hardy	of Guildhall,
Burroughs	of Stannard,
Ayer	of Leicester,
Briggs	of Granville,
Brown	of Peru.

*On Corporations and Franchises.*

Mr. Stearns	of Burlington,
O'Sullivan	of Colchester,
Andrews	of Fairlee,
Finnegan	of Hyde Park,
Prouty	of Newport,
Cummings	of Castleton,
Leonard	of Andover,
Fitzgerald	of Norwich,
Ladd	of Enosburg,
Hooper	of Hardwick,
Johnson	of Somerset,
Robinson	of Jamaica,
Hall	of Woodbury,
Osgood	of Rutland Town,
Dike	of Starksboro.

*On Education.*

Mr. Austin	of Reading.
Metzger	of Randolph,
Merrifield	of Grafton,
Dana	of New Haven,
Higgins	of Arlington,
Smalley	of Morristown,



Mr. Dwinell	of Calais,
Aiken	of Putney,
Porter	of Sharon,
Bucklin	of Sudbury,
Taylor	of Derby,
Drake	of Wheelock,
Hutchinson	of Jericho,
Hardy	of Guildhall,
Shanley	of Bakersfield.

*On Educational Institutions.*

Mr. Steele	of Highgate,
Pike	of Stowe,
Pirie	of Williamstown,
Belknap	of Royalton,
Richardson	of Waitsfield,
Kimball	of Bethel,
Chessmore	of Richmond,
Mott	of Alburg,
McLam	of Ryegate,
Rawson	of Whiting,
Bronson	of Shaftsbury,
Buck	of Charleston,
Hale	of Dover,
Hopkins	of Wallingford,
O'Dowd	of Brunswick.

*On Federal Relations.*

Mr. Chase	of Fairfield,
Eaton	of Corinth,
Wilson	of Pownal,
Johnson	of Craftsbury,
Legate	of Guilford,
Clift	of Middletown Springs,
Brown	of Orwell.

*On Fish and Game.*

Mr. Gridley	of Windsor,
Noonan	of Ferrisburg,
Preston	of Strafford,
Taylor	of Greensboro,
Dwinell	of Calais,
McCray	of Rochester,
Dunham	of Athens,
Adams	of West Haven,
Allen	of Wolcott,



Mr. O'Neil	of North Hero,
Shanley	of Bakersfield,
Holbrook	of Lemington,
King	of Milton,
Hemingway	of Waterford,
Becker	of Glastenbury.

*General.*

Mr. Williams	of Proctor,
Gates	of Franklin,
Hooper	of Hardwick,
Bailey	of Newbury,
Deyette	of Benson,
Bates	of Moretown,
Amidon	of Halifax,
Fullam	of Chester,
Leonard	of Andover,
Flint	of Braintree,
Phillips	of Irasburg,
Cannon	of Northfield,
White	of Panton,
Higgins	of Woodford,
Ball	of Maidstone.

*On Highways and Bridges.*

Mr. Puffer	of Richford,
Bailey	of Newbury,
Sweeney	of Brighton,
Hunt	of Danville,
Perkins	of Waterbury,
Tenney	of Dummerston,
McCray	of Rochester,
Gill	of Springfield,
Hemenway	of Bridport,
Johnson	of Craftsbury,
O'Brien	of South Burlington,
Bellows	of Cambridge,
Wooster	of Chittenden,
Bond	of Searsburg,
Hall	of Isle LaMotte.

*On Judiciary.*

Mr. Cudworth	of Londonderry,
Tuttle	of Vergennes,
Reirden	of Barton,
Moore	of Ludlow,



Mr. Stearns	of Burlington,
Phelps	of Fair Haven,
Fenton	of Rutland City,
Steele	of Highgate,
LaFleur	of Middlebury,
Pollard	of Cavendish,
Howland	of Barre City.

*On Library.*

Mr. Hicks	of Weathersfield,
Williams	of Pawlet,
Beard	of Waterville,
Rublee	of Berkshire,
Chapman	of Windham,
Hill	of Middlesex,
Miles	of Glover,
Martin	of Winhall,
Finney	of Hinesburg,
Ball	of Newark,
Baker	of Weybridge.

*On Mileage and Debentures.*

Mr. Fitzgerald	of Norwich,
Ladd	of Enosburg,
Hight	of Topsham,
Howe	of Brookline,
Cannon	of Northfield,
Baldwin	of Danby,
Gray	of Morgan,
Allen	of Wolcott,
Esden	of Peacham,
Whitford	of Addison,
Beers	of Landgrove,
Wellinger	of St. George.
Holbrook	of Lemington,
Hall	of Isle LaMotte.

*On Military Affairs.*

Mr. Prouty	of Newport,
Seaver	of Washington,
Austin	of Reading,
Cummings	of Castleton,
Richardson	of Waitsfield,
Bryant	of Lincoln,
Bond	of Searsburg,
Dunton	of Sheffield,



Mr. Taylor	of Tinmouth,
Johnson	of Somerset,
Robinson	of Bridgewater,
Hinds	of Eden,
Dillon	of Duxbury,
Finney	of Hinesburg,
Foley	of Montgomery.

*On Minor Courts.*

Mr. Reirden	of Barton,
Dana	of New Haven,
O'Sullivan	of Colchester,
McLam	of Ryegate,
Ladd	of Enosburg,
Hight	of Topsham,
Miles	of Glover,
Merrifield	of Grafton,
Rood	of Woodstock,
Collins	of Marshfield,
Matot	of Poultney.

*On Municipal Corporations.*

Mr. Tuttle	of Vergennes,
Day	of Ira,
Chase	of Fairfield,
Sinclair	of Essex,
Kelley	of Dorset,
Ball	of Newark,
Eaton	of Corinth,
Hall	of Elmore,
McLaughlin	of Fayston,
Dalrymple	of Marlboro,
Parker	of Lowell.

*On Penal Institutions.*

Mr. Pollard	of Cavendish,
Brooks	of Montpelier,
Wilson	of Bristol,
Sergeant	of Mendon,
Campbell	of Belvidere,
Button	of St. Albans Town,
Cox	of Walden,
Bundy	of Manchester,
Meech	of Monkton,
Chapman	of Concord,
Martin	of Westfield,



Mr. Pike	of Stratton,
Noble	of Tunbridge,
Russell	of Grand Isle,
Wellinger	of St. George.

*On Public Buildings.*

Mr. Dunham	of Brattleboro,
Gridley	of Windsor,
Howland	of Barre City,
Tuttle	of Vergennes,
Cudworth	of Londonderry,
Smith	of St. Albans City,
Wright	of Coventry,
Sweeney	of Brighton,
Buxton	of Wells,
Ralph	of Brookfield,
Day	of Ira,
Hayden	of Bolton,
Drake	of Wheelock,
Hayes	of Sandgate,
Waite	of Weston.

*On Public Health.*

Mr. Osgood	of Rockingham,
Fogg	of Underhill,
Finnegan	of Hyde Park,
Dunbar	of Hartland,
Hall	of Woodbury,
Higgins	of Woodford,
Waite	of Shoreham,
Orcutt	of Burke.
Jennison	of Sheldon,
West	of Vershire,
Potter	of Clarendon.

*On State and Court Expenses.*

Mr. Fenton	of Rutland City,
Martin	of Winhall,
Flint	of Braintree,
Roys	of Roxbury,
Fitzgerald	of Norwich,
Aldrich	of Shrewsbury,
Cheney	of Albany,
Mott	of Alburg,
Warren	of Kirby,
Miller	of Hancock,



Mr. Hayden	of Bolton,
Carpenter	of Fletcher,
Stiles	of Johnson,
Allbee	of Townshend,
Moore	of Pomfret.

*On State Institutions.*

Mr. Metzger	of Randolph,
Webster	of Shelburne,
Whitney	of St. Johnsbury,
Stoddard	of Ripton,
Ralph	of Brookfield,
Jennison	of Sheldon,
Phillips	of Irasburg,
Parsons	of Hubbardton,
Johnson	of Wardsboro,
Parker	of West Rutland,
Shores	of Granby.

*On Suffrage and Elections.*

Mr. Phelps	of Fair Haven,
Dunbar	of Hartland,
O'Brien	of South Burlington,
Bundy	of Manchester,
White	of Panton,
Esden	of Peacham
Beard	of Waterville,
Stanton	of Bloomfield,
Haynes	of Orange,
Kingsbury	of West Fairlee,
Curtis	of Worcester,
Archer	of Mt. Holly,
Barber	of Wilmington,
Hinds	of Eden,
Miller	of Troy.

*On Taxation.*

Mr. Spalding	of Warren,
Belknap	of Royalton,
Whitney	of St. Johnsbury,
Atwood	of Cornwall,
Beard	of Waterville,
Deyette	of Benson,
Cook	of Thetford,
Adams	of Westford,
O'Neil	of North Hero,



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Mr. Miller	of Westminster,
Wright	of Waltham,
Leach	of Rupert,
Carlton	of Canaan
Smith	of Brownington,
Ryan	of Fairfax.

*On Temperance.*

Mr. Fogg	of Underhill,
O'Sullivan	of Colchester,
Candon	of Pittsford,
Fenton	of Rutland City,
Irish	of Williston,
Warren	of Kirby,
Field	of Salisbury
Kingsbury	of West Fairlee,
Stiles	of Johnson,
Curtis	of Worcester,
Higgins	of Arlington,
Allen	of Vernon,
Walker	of Barnard
Demick	of Holland,
McLaughlin	of Fayston.

*On Town Lines.*

Mr. Tenney	of Dummerston,
Chamberlin	of Goshen,
Hayes	of Sandgate,
Cunnington	of Norton,
Trouville	of South Hero,
Lamb	of Pittsfield,
Shepard	of Baltimore.

*Of Ways and Means.*

Mr. Moore	of Ludlow,
Dunham	of Brattleboro,
Brooks	of Montpelier,
Young	of Brandon,
Root	of Bennington.
Noonan	of Ferrisburg,
Prouty	of Newport,
Gates	of Franklin,
Stuart	of Lyndon,
Andrews	of Fairlee,
Webster	of Shelburne.



A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted on their part joint resolution of the following title:

(J. R. S. 6.) Relating to the revision of the Public Statutes;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the fourth day of January he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 4.) Joint resolution relating to joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for county officers, judges of probate and justices of the peace;

(J. R. S. 5.) Joint resolution to provide for a stenographer for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 1. An act to repeal No. 171 and No. 172 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Hall of Woodbury,

H. 2. An act to appropriate a sum of money to aid the town of Woodbury in liquidating its school debt;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Puffer of Richford,

H. 3. An act to authorize the town of Richford to issue bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.



By Mr. Lawson of Barre Town,

H. 4. An act to amend section 183 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 11 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the election of Representatives to the General Assembly;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

H. 5. An act to repeal sections 2588 and 2589 of the Public Statutes relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Cook of Thetford,

H. 7. An act to pay the town of Thetford the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 8. An act to amend section 6220 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 198 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salaries of judges of probate;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;

To the committee on judiciary.



By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 10. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the support of the Soldiers' Home at Bennington.

To the committee on appropriations.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 6.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the commissioner appointed to revise the Public Statutes, under No. 242 of the Acts of 1915, be and hereby is directed to attend before the legislative committees having the revision in charge, during the present Session, and that said committees be hereby authorized to employ such stenographic assistance as may be required to expedite their work in connection with such revision; and that the compensation of such stenographers as may be employed under this resolution be fixed by the respective chairmen of said committees and by them certified to the auditor of accounts; and that said auditor is hereby directed to draw his order in favor of said stenographers in accordance with such certificates;

Which was read the first time;

Whereupon, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the rules be suspended and that the joint resolution be read the second and third times and put upon its adoption in concurrence at this time;

Which was agreed to, and the joint resolution was read the second and third times and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester, the House adjourned.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has adopted a joint resolution, entitled



(J. R. S. 7.) Joint resolution relating to the use of Representatives' Hall by Rev. M. W. Farman;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolutions from the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 4.) Joint resolution relating to the granting of the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont Historical Society;

(J. R. H. 5.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The President has appointed as the members on the part of the Senate under joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 5.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress:

Senator	Day,
	Dimond,
	Ricker,
	Wheeler,
	Hubbard,
	Ladd,
	Martin,
	Leavens,
	Bigelow,
	Adams,
	Chalmers,
	Demeritt,
	DeWitt,
	Kendall.

The Senate has considered the report of the joint committee on joint rules;

And has adopted the same on its part.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:



By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

H. 11. An act to provide for the consolidation of State insurance reports;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

H. 12. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Coburn of Jay,

H. 13. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans,

H. 15. An act to amend sections 37, 292 and 293 of the Public Statutes, and section 255 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 42 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the engrossment of legislative acts and resolutions;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 16. An act relating to the declaration of intention to marry;

To the committee on judiciary.



By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 17. An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of No. 174 of the Acts of 1915;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 18. An act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Dana of New Haven,

H. 19. An act in addition to No. 159 of the Acts of 1915, relating to cooperative fire insurance corporations;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

The Speaker announced as the members of the joint special committee on the part of the House to canvass votes for members of Congress the following named members:

Addison County.....Mr. Field of Salisbury,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Dike of Starksboro.

Bennington County.....Mr. Beers of Landgrove,  
Hayes of Sandgate,  
Bronson of Shaftsbury.

Caledonia County.....Mr. Dunton of Sheffield,  
Burroughs of Stannard,  
Campbell of Sutton.

Chittenden County.....Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester,  
Sinclair of Essex,  
Finney of Hinesburgh.

Essex County.....Mr. Carlton of Canaan,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Walter of East Haven.



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Franklin County.....	Mr. Foley of Montgomery, Jennison of Sheldon, Bellows of Swanton.
Grand Isle County.....	Mr. Mott of Alburg, Russell of Grand Isle, Hall of Isle La Motte.
Lamoille County.....	Mr. Hinds of Eden, Finnegan of Hyde Park, Stiles of Johnson.
Orange County.....	Mr. Eaton of Corinth, Hight of Topsham, Noble of Tunbridge.
Orleans County.....	Mr. Coburn of Jay, Parker of Lowell, Gray of Morgan.
Rutland County.....	Mr. Lamb of Pittsfield, Candon of Pittsford, Matot of Poultney.
Washington County.....	Mr. Perkins of Waterbury, Hall of Woodbury, Curtis of Worcester.
Windham County.....	Mr. Wheeler of Whitingham, Barber of Wilmington, Chapman of Windham.
Windsor County.....	Mr. Dunbar of Hartland, Moore of Plymouth, Hicks of Weathersfield.

Mr. Metzger of Randolph offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 6.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Tuesday, January 16, 1917, at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon to hear the report of the joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 8.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly to hear the report of the canvassing committee to canvass votes for county and probate officers and justices of the peace;

(J. R. S. 9.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly to hear the report of the joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for members of Congress;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven,

H. 20. An act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Young of Brandon,

H. 21. An act to repeal section 4754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the publication of the list of insurance companies;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

By Mr. Lawson of Barre Town,

H. 22. An act relating to false representations made in the employment of labor;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

H. 23. An act relating to the rights of organized labor, and the writ of injunction;

To the committee on judiciary.



H. 24. An act to provide for the examination and licensing of stationary engineers and firemen;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Merrifield of Grafton,

H. 25. An act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Saxtons River;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry,

H. 26. An act to amend section 10 of No. 7 of the Acts of 1915, providing for filling vacancies in the office of United States senator;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

Joint resolutions from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 7.) Whereas, various members of the General Assembly and other prominent officials, have extended an invitation to the Rev. M. Winslow Farman, Chaplain of the Senate, to deliver his popular lecture upon "Light in Darkness" before the members of the General Assembly and the people of Montpelier, and whereas, Chaplain Farman has accepted the invitation, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the use of Representatives' Hall be accorded to this purpose on the evening of Thursday, January 11, 1917;

(J. R. S. 8.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, January 11th at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, to hear the report of the joint canvassing committee to canvass votes for county and probate officers and justices of the peace;

Were severally read and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven, the House adjourned.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 27. An act to repeal a part of section 2 of No. 278 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the City of Rutland;"

To the committee on municipal corporations.

H. 28. An act to amend section 5129 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 129 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the disposition of license fees;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 29. An act to amend section 6 of No. 321 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the Hartford municipal court;

To the committee on minor courts.

By Mr. Aiken of Putney,

H. 30. An act to appropriate a certain sum for an exhibit of Vermont fruit at the New England fruit show;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Button of St. Albans Town,

H. 31. An act relating to the election of town auditors;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 32. An act to regulate the hours of labor;

To the committee on commerce and labor.



By Mr. Button of St. Albans Town,

H. 33. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemption from taxation;

To the committee on taxation.

Mr. Stearns of Burlington offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 7.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Vermont State Conference on Charities and Correction for a meeting to be held on the evening of Wednesday, January 24, 1917;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Hunt of Danville offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 5.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the committee on suffrage and elections be directed to investigate, ascertain and report to this House, whether Leslie H. Thornton, the returned member from the town of Barnet, is disqualified under the provisions of the Constitution of this State from membership in this House, by reason of his holding at the time of his election or at the present time any office of profit or trust under the authority of Congress.

And be it further resolved that said committee be empowered to send for persons and papers;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 3. An act to authorize the town of Richford to issue bonds;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Fenton of Rutland City, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 10.) Joint resolution granting the use of the Senate Chamber to the Senate of 1915;

(J. R. S. 11.) Joint resolution providing for joint special committee on revision of the laws;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled:

(J. R. H. 6.) Joint resolution relating to a joint assembly to hear the report of the joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Joint resolutions from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 10.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the members of the Senate of 1915 for the evening of Tuesday, February 6, 1917, for the purpose of holding a reunion;

(J. R. S. 11.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the judiciary committee of the Senate and House shall constitute a special joint committee to whom shall be referred the report of the commissioner appointed to prepare and submit a revision of the laws of the State, under the provisions of Number 242 of the Acts of 1915;

Were severally read and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stearns of Burlington, the House adjourned.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 9th day of January he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 4.) Joint resolution relating to the granting the use of the Hall of the House to the Vermont Historical Society;

(J. R. H. 5.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ryan of Fairfax,

H. 34. An act to amend section 3961 of the Public Statutes, relating to compensation of town road commissioners;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 35. An act relating to the use of muffler cut-outs on automobiles or motor vehicles;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Haynes of Orange,

H. 36. An act to provide that all public printing be done within the State;

To the same committee.



By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

H. 37. An act to create a lien on rough granite of marble stock and articles manufactured therefrom;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Dana of New Haven,

H. 38. An act to amend paragraph 23 of section 1 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to fish and game;

To the committee on fish and game.

House bill, entitled

H. 3. An act to authorize the town of Richford to issue bonds;

Was read the third time and passed.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance,

H. 1. An act to repeal No. 171 and No. 172 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors;

By Mr. Fullam, from the committee on banking and insurance,

H. 11. An act to provide for the consolidation of state insurance reports;

By Mr. Smith, from the same committee,

H. 21. An act to repeal section 4754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the publication of the list of insurance companies.

Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 10, by striking out the word "male";

*Second.* In the same section, line 24, by striking out the word "have" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *shall have been*;

The bill was read its second time as proposed to be amended, the proposed amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Deyette of Benson offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 8.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the members of the Legislature of 1908, for a reunion, to be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 7, 1917;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Isle LaMotte, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 18. An act to amend section 258 of the Public Statutes, relating to the use of the Representatives' Hall and Senate Chamber;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

They have considered joint resolution from the House, entitled



(J. R. H. 7.) Joint resolution to grant the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont State Conference on Charities and Correction;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 10th day of January he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 6.) Joint resolution relating to the revision of the Public Statutes;

(J. R. S. 8.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly to hear the report of the canvassing committee to canvass votes for county and probate officers and justices of the peace.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

H. 39. An act imposing upon the commissioner of agriculture the duties of the State board of agriculture and forestry, State nursery inspector, State ornithologist, State forester, live stock commissioner and trustees of the State agricultural schools by amending and repealing certain sections of the Public Statutes and Acts of 1908, 1910, 1912 and 1915, relating to such officers;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Bliss of Georgia,

H. 41. An act to amend section 5623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dog licenses;

To the general committee.



By Mr. Button of St. Albans Town,

H. 42. An act to amend the first paragraph of section 5, and section 6 of No. 168 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign and domestic creamery companies;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Reirden of Barton,

H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915 and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;

To the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Dunham, from the committee on public buildings introduced a bill, entitled

H. 44. An act providing for an additional appropriation for the erection of the new State building;

Which was read and ordered placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

*Joint Assembly.*

At two o'clock and thirty minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 18. An act to amend section 258 of the Public Statutes, relating to the use of the Representatives' Hall and Senate Chamber;

Was read and referred to the committee on public buildings.

On motion of Mr. Young of Brandon, the House adjourned.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 8.) Joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the members of 1908 for a reunion;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Williams of Pawlet,

H. 45. An act to repeal No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

H. 46. An act to amend section 4189 of the Public Statutes, exempting burial lots and monuments from attachment;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 47. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Perkins of Waterbury,

H. 48. An act to amend section 7 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to a declaration of party affiliation at primaries;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.



By Mr. Dillon of Duxbury,

H. 49. An act to create a commission to formulate a uniform system of blanks for deeds and mortgages and the records thereof;

To the committee on judiciary.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 1. An act to repeal No. 171 and No. 172 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors;

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;

H. 11. An act to provide for the consolidation of the State insurance reports;

H. 21. An act to repeal section 4754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the publication of the list of insurance companies.

Mr. Young, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 19. An act in addition to No. 159 of the Acts of 1915, relating to cooperative fire insurance corporations;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 44. An act providing for an additional appropriation for the erection of the new State building;

Was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro, the bill was recommitted to the committee on public buildings.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:



*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate requests the House to return to the custody of the Senate joint resolution, entitled:

(J. R. H. 6.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly to hear the report of the joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress.

Mr. Williams of Proctor offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 9.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Friday, January 12, at ten o'clock and forty-five minutes in the forenoon and that when so met they extend to the Honorable Frank L. Greene, member of Congress, an invitation to address the joint assembly;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Clerk, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has adopted on its part joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 9.) Joint resolution providing for a joint assembly to hear an address by Honorable Frank L. Greene, member of Congress.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 12th day of January he approved and signed a joint resolution originating in the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 9.) Joint resolution providing for a joint assembly to hear an address by Honorable Frank L. Greene, member of Congress.

*Joint Assembly.*

At ten o'clock and forty-five minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.



The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that when the House adjourns this forenoon it be to meet again on Monday afternoon next at three o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Prouty of Newport, the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate.

The following named members-elect presented themselves at the bar of the House, received the oath of office and took their seats:

Mr. Louis N. Potter of Clarendon,  
Alstine A. Briggs of Granville.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Haynes of Orange,

H. 50. An act relating to the killing of dogs;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Steele of Highgate,

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual license taxes;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 52. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of



1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and sections 5110, 5111 and 5114 of the Public Statutes, relating to license commissioners;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Campbell of Belvidere,

H. 53. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, and to repeal subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation, exemptions;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Bellows of Swanton,

H. 54. An act to regulate the issuing of policies of fire insurance and the payment of losses thereunder;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

By Mr. Martin of Winhall,

H. 55. An act to amend sections 5642 and 5643 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages done by dogs to sheep;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 56. An act relating to liens on motor vehicles;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Higgins of Arlington,

H. 57. An act to pay Eleazor B. Baldwin the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. Dutton of Sheffield,

H. 58. An act relating to contracts for the sale of real property;

To the committee on judiciary.



By Mr. Miller of Westminster,

H. 59. An act permitting the wounding or killing of game which may do or is doing damage on land of owner or occupant;

To the committee on fish and game.

House bill, entitled

H. 19. An act in addition to No. 159 of the Acts of 1915, relating to cooperative fire insurance corporations;

Was read the third time and passed.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read a second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on claims,

H. 7. An act to pay the town of Thetford the sum therein named.

By Mr. Gates, from the general committee,

H. 15. An act to amend sections 37, 292 and 293 of the Public Statutes, and section 255 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 42 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the engrossment of legislative acts and resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Dana of New Haven, the House adjourned.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry introduced a bill, entitled

H. 60. An act to amend section 1342 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the election of superior judges;



Which was read and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the House had heard with great regret of the death of the beloved wife of the member from Berlin, therefore be it

(H. R. 6.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the sympathy of this House is hereby extended to Mr. Brown in his time of sorrow, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Brown;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Miles of Glover offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 7.) Whereas, this House has heard with great regret of the death of the infant child of the member from Brownington, Therefore be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the sympathy of this House is hereby extended to Mr. Smith in his time of sorrow, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Smith;

Which was read and adopted.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 11th day of January he approved and signed a joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

(J. R. H. 6.) Joint resolution relating to a joint assembly to hear the report of the joint special committee to canvass votes for members of Congress.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 7. An act to pay the town of Thetford the sum therein named;



H. 15. An act to amend sections 37, 292 and 293 of the Public Statutes, and section 255 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 42 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the engrossment of legislative acts and resolutions.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 6. An act relating to rebates of insurance premiums;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. O'Brien, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 4. An act to amend section 183 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 11 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the election of representatives to the General Assembly;

Reported that the bill ought to be rejected, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 4. An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section 1 of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.



The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 16th day of January he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 10.) Joint resolution granting the use of the Senate Chamber to the Senate of 1915;

(J. R. S. 11.) Joint resolution providing for joint special committee on revision of the laws.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 4. An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section 1 of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 6. An act relating to rebates of insurance premiums;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

*Joint Assembly.*

At two o'clock and thirty minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Young of Brandon, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Brooks of Montpelier offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 10.) Vermont learns today with profound sorrow of the death of one of her most heroic sons. To the State where George Dewey was born, where he received the



early training which made his great future possible and especially to the capital city of that State where the representatives of the people are now in session in view of his birthplace the news of his end brings a special burden of grief.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives; That* Vermont, while lamenting the death of the great admiral and diplomat takes a solemn pride in the glory of his achievements and his splendid service to the nation, and commends to her sons at home and abroad a devout recognition of the qualities which will make his fame enduring.

That Vermont does hereby extend to the family of Admiral Dewey this expression of the State's esteem of his life and labor and its sympathy in their loss.

That the Governor appoint a committee consisting of one senator, one member of the House and one member of the National Guard of Vermont to attend his funeral.

That the Secretary of State be instructed to send to the family of Admiral Dewey and to his sister copies of these resolutions.

That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses at eleven o'clock this forenoon in respect to his memory.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dwinell of Calais,

H. 61. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Dutton of Sheffield,

H. 62. An act to amend section 5590 of the Public Statutes, relating to the restraining of bulls;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Parker of West Rutland, (by request),

H. 63. An act to amend section 5639 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages to domestic animals by dogs;

To the committee on municipal corporations.



By Mr. Becker of Glastenbury,

H. 64. An act to amend section 5948 of the Public Statutes, relating to keeping of gambling implements;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Carpenter of Fletcher,

H. 65. An act relating to the recovery of costs;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Moore of Plymouth,

H. 66. An act to repeal No. 199 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the granting of a bounty on black bears;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Hunt of Danville,

H. 67. An act to amend section 5122 of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of liquor licenses;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Bond of Searsburg,

H. 68. An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to aid the town of Searsburg in building a bridge;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Chapman of Concord,

H. 69. An act to amend section 4 and 5 and subdivision 1 of section 10 of No. 234 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act to incorporate the village of Concord";

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Miner of Sherburne,

H. 70. An act to amend section 93 of the Public Statutes, relating to certificates of nomination;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.



By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Bellows of Swanton,

H. 72. An act to amend the charter of Swanton village, relating to its power plant at Highgate Falls and to the issuing of bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Wilson of Pownal,

H. 73. An act to amend section 3955 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 125 of the Acts of 1910, as amended by section 1 of No. 138 of the Acts of 1912, relating to highway taxes;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Casey of Mount Tabor,

H. 74. An act to aid the town of Mount Tabor in building bridges;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, (by request),

H. 75. An act to amend section 1 of No. 23 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the promotion of the poultry interests of Vermont;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Leonard of Andover,

H. 76. An act to amend paragraph A of section 16 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 3 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

To the committee on fish and game.



By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

H. 77. An act to create the office of commissioner of industries and to amend and repeal certain sections, relating to the industrial accident board and factory inspector;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Fogg of Underhill,

H. 78. An act to amend section 2 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act relating to the taxation of personal property and providing for offsets for debts owing."

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Matot of Poultney,

H. 79. An act to amend section 4029 of the Public Statutes, relating to liability of towns for damages on the highways;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Bond of Searsburg,

H. 80. An act relating to the operation of motor vehicles on bridges;

To the general committee.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Flint, from the committee on state and court expenses,

H. 8. An act to amend section 6220 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 198 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salaries of judges of probate.

By Mr. Prouty, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 47. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads.



Mr. Dunham, from the committee on public buildings, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 44. An act providing for an additional appropriation for the erection of the new State building;

Reported in favor of its passage and made the further report that the chairman of the committee had conferred with the committee on appropriations as required by rule of the House;

And pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Dwinell of Calais moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out the words "for the purpose of more adequately finishing" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *to complete*;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 60. An act to amend section 1342 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the election of superior judges;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. The election of superior judges under section 1342 of the Public Statutes shall be held for the year nineteen hundred seventeen on the third Thursday of February, and the Senate and the House of Representatives at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon of said third Thursday of February shall convene in joint assembly and proceed to the election of such judges in the manner prescribed by section 253 of the Public Statutes for the election of State officers. The term of office of the judges so then elected shall terminate January 31 1919. The term of office of the superior judges elected in 1915 shall continue until their successors are elected or until the statute creating the office of superior judge is repealed.*

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*



Whereupon, the bill was read the second time as proposed to be amended, the proposed amendment was agreed to and third reading of the bill was ordered;

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Ludlow, moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read the third time at this time and placed upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time and passed;

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Ludlow, moved that the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917;*

Which was agreed to..

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 10.) Joint resolution relating to the death of Admiral George Dewey of Vermont;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Mr. Austin of Reading offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 11.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday January 18, at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, to elect a chief justice and four associate justices of the supreme court, a sergeant at arms, an adjutant and inspector general, a judge advocate and five trustees of the University of Vermont and state agricultural college;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

At eleven o'clock, in accordance with the joint resolution so directing, the Speaker declared the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 12.) Joint resolution relating to books of records issued to military organizations during the War of the Rebellion;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 12.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the auditor of accounts is hereby instructed to draw an order in favor of the members of the committee appointed to attend the funeral of Admiral Dewey for their expenses incurred in the performance of the duty placed upon them by authority of the joint resolution providing for such committee. Said order to be drawn upon presentation of a statement of the expenses above indicated;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 12.) Whereas, the revised regulations for the Army of the United States, edition of 1861, pages 20 and 24, gives number and name of books of record allowed each company and regiment and their purpose, used during the War of the Rebellion; and

Whereas, the report of George L. Davis, Quartermaster General of Vermont, for the year ending November 1, 1862, gives receipt of books of record for eight regiments from the United States and the issuing of the same to the regiments noted above; and

Whereas, the books so described have not been returned to the State, but ought to be in the State's possession for the benefit of the survivors of the war; therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the adjutant general of this State be directed to call



in said books of record as far as possible, and that the books be so arranged that any survivor or his agent can examine the books containing his record;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sweeney of Brighton, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 60. An act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

They have considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 11.) Joint resolution to provide for a joint assembly to elect justices of the supreme court and other State officers;

And have adopted the same in concurrence, with a proposal of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Adams of West Haven,

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink muskrat and otter;

To the committee on fish and game.



By Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven,

H. 82. An act to amend section 3402 of the Public Statutes, relating to aiding in the apprehension and prosecution of persons accused of crime;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Rublee of Berkshire,

H. 83. An act relating to the taking of fur-bearing animals in Franklin County;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Norwich,

H. 84. An act to amend section 3143 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of a minor;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Osgood of Rutland Town, (by request),

H. 85. An act to amend section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910, relating to poll taxes;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Aiken of Putney,

H. 86. An act relating to the prevention of damage and nuisance from smoke;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Parsons of Hubbardton,

H. 87. An act relating to standards of purity and quality for ice cream and ice cream products, and to regulate the sale thereof;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 88. An act to provide for erecting a tablet to the memory of Ammi B. Young;

To the committee on public buildings.



By Mr. Hopkins of Wallingford,

H. 89. An act to amend section 1 of No. 305 of the Acts of 1906, as amended by section 1 of No. 316 of the Acts of 1915, relating to Fire District No. 1 of Wallingford;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 90. An act to amend section 3310 of the Public Statutes, relating to neglect to furnish certificate of death;

To the committee on judiciary.

H. 91. An act to prohibit the sale of certain drugs or commodities containing methyl or wood alcohol;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 92. An act to amend section 5211 of the Public Statutes, relating to physicians' prescriptions for intoxicating liquor;

To the committee on temperance.

House bill, entitled

H. 8. An act to amend section 6220 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 198 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salaries of the judges of probate;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Allen of Vernon moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, whereupon, Mr. Austin of Reading moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 44. An act providing for an additional appropriation for the erection of the new State building;



H. 47. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads.

Mr. Dunham, from the committee on public buildings, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 18. An act to amend section 258 of the Public Statutes, relating to the use of the Representatives' Hall and Senate Chamber;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 17. An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of No. 174 of the Acts of 1915;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Dunham, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, lines 14 to 18, inclusive, by striking out the words "except that a cooperative savings and loan association organized under the provisions of Chapter 200 of the Public Statutes (Chapt. 222 G. L.) shall be exempt from such taxation until the net assets of such association amount to one hundred thousand dollars." and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Provided, however, that one hundred thousand dollars of the average amount of deposits and accumulations of a cooperative savings and loan association organized under the provisions of chapter 200 of the Public Statutes (chapter 222 G. L.) shall be exempt from such taxation;*



The bill was read the second time as proposed to be amended, the proposed amendment was agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Campbell of Belvidere, the bill was ordered to lie.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Miner, from the committee on commerce and labor,

H. 22. An act relating to false representations made in the employment of labor.

By Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 37. An act to create a lien on rough granite or marble stock and articles manufactured therefrom.

Senate proposal of amendment to joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 11.) Joint resolution to provide for a joint assembly to elect justices of the supreme court and other State officers;

In line 6, by striking out the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three*;

Was considered and concurred in.

The Speaker announced that unless objection be heard, Mr. Dunham of Athens would be taken from the committee on fish and game and reassigned to the committee on penal institutions, and that Mr. Pike of Stratton would be taken from the committee on penal institutions and reassigned to the committee on fish and game;

No objection being heard, it was so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Coburn of Jay, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:



I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 12. An act to amend section 2621 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 69 of the Acts of 1908, relating to chattel mortgages;

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the livestock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 12. An act to amend section 2621 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 69 of the Acts of 1908, relating to chattel mortgages;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the live stock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

To the committee on agriculture.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 17th day of January he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 7.) Joint resolution to grant the use of the hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont State Conference on Charities and Correction;

(J. R. H. 8.) Joint Resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the members of 1908 for a reunion;

(J. R. H. 9.) Joint resolution providing for a joint assembly to hear the address by Honorable Frank L. Greene, member of Congress;



(J. R. H. 10.) Joint Resolution relating to the death of Admiral George Dewey of Vermont.

That on the 18th day of January he signed a joint resolution and a bill of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 11). Joint Resolution to provide for a joint assembly to elect justices of the supreme court and other State officers.

H. 60. An act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917.

I am further directed by the Governor to inform the House that, in accordance with House Joint Resolution No. 10, he has this day named the following persons to attend the funeral of Admiral Dewey:

Senator Redfield Proctor of Rutland,  
Representative Lynn B. Brooks of Montpelier,  
Colonel Ira L. Reeves, President of Norwich  
University.

*Joint Assembly.*

At two o'clock and thirty minutes the hour for joint assembly having arrived the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Merrifield of Grafton, the House adjourned.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:



S. 1. An act to amend section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by No. 174 of the Acts of 1915, relating to persons convicted of being found intoxicated;

S. 8. An act to amend paragraph 2 of section 3068 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 104 of the Acts of 1915, relating to divorce;

S. 9. An act to amend section 3110 of the Public Statutes, relating to remarriage;

S. 21. An act to amend section 4795 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 161 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

They have considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 11. An act to provide for the consolidation of State insurance reports;

H. 19. An act in addition to No. 159 of the Acts of 1915, relating to cooperative fire insurance corporations;

H. 21. An act to repeal section 4754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the publication of the list of insurance companies;

H. 44. An act to provide for an additional appropriation for the erection of the new State building;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Day of Ira,

H. 93. An act to amend sections 5625, 5627, 5630 and 5640 as amended by No. 277 of the Acts of 1912, sections 5641, 5642, 5644, 5646, 5647 and to repeal section 5648 of the Public Statutes, relating to dog licenses;

To the general committee.



By Mr. Smalley of Morristown,

H. 94. An act to appropriate a sum of money to build a state highway through "Smugglers Notch" between the towns of Stowe and Cambridge in Lamoille County;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Young of Brandon,

H. 95. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a State highway tax;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Warren of Kirby,

H. 96. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a State highway tax;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Coburn of Jay,

H. 97. An act to appropriate a sum of money to aid the town of Jay in improving a highway;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Smalley of Morristown,

H. 98. An act to amend section 4189 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemption from attachment of lots in a burial ground and monuments thereon;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 99. An act to settle the divisional line between the land of the State and the land of Thomas J. Heaphy;

To the committee on public buildings.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol,

H. 100. An act to amend sections 136, 137, 138 and 139 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to textbooks, appliances and supplies for schools;

To the committee on education.



Mr. Matot, of Poultney, moved that when the House adjourns this forenoon it be to meet again on Monday evening next at seven o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 18. An act to amend section 258 of the Public Statutes, relating to the use of the Representatives' Hall and Senate Chamber;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bill, entitled

H. 17. An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont state hospital for the insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of No. 174 of the Acts of 1915;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Hooper, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 35. An act relating to the use of muffler cut-outs on automobiles or motor vehicles;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for Monday evening.

Mr. Waite, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 32. An act to regulate the hours of labor;

Reported adversely and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Tinmouth, the House adjourned.



MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 1. An act to repeal No. 171 and No. 172 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 12.) Joint resolution to provide for the payment of the expenses of the committee appointed to attend the funeral of Admiral Dewey;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Waite of Shoreham,

H. 101. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910; and section 745 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of savings banks and trust companies, increasing state tax;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Bellows of Swanton,

H. 102. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, and section 744 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemptions from taxation of money loaned within the State and providing for taxation of money loaned outside the State, and repealing section 4661 of the Public Statutes, relating to rate of interest on loans;

To the same committee.



By Mr. Waite of Shoreham,

H. 103. An act to amend sections 34 and 35 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to appointment of superintendents of school unions;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Kimball of Bethel,

H. 104. An act to amend section 3105 of the Public Statutes, relating to the custody of minor children upon the granting of divorce or an annulment of marriage;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. LaFluer of Middlebury,

H. 105. An act relating to solicitor's fees in foreclosure cases;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven,

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 107. An act to establish a nine hour day in mills, factories and manufacturing establishments;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

H. 108. An act relating to the construction of water bars in highways;

To the committee on highways and bridges.



By Mr. Campbell of Belvidere,

H. 109. An act to amend section 555 of the Public Statutes, relating to appraisal of realty and making no deduction in appraisal for the removal of timber for a period of thirty years;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Parsons of Hubbardton,

H. 110. An act relating to the sale of gasoline;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Steele of Highgate,

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies relating to custom-house brokerage;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 112. An act to create the office of insurance commissioners and to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and session laws, relating to insurance commissioners and insurance expert;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 1. An act to amend section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by No. 174 of the Acts of 1915, relating to persons convicted of being found intoxicated;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 8. An act to amend paragraph 2 of section 3068 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 104 of the Acts of 1915, relating to divorce;

To the same committee.

S. 9. An act to amend section 3110 of the Public Statutes, relating to remarriage;

To the same committee.



S. 21. An act to amend section 4795 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 161 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

House bill, entitled

H. 35. An act relating to the use of muffler cut-outs on automobiles or motor vehicles;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Stuart, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative. (On a division, Yes, 50; No, 80.)

Mr. Young, from the same committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual taxes;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Howland of Barre City the bill was ordered to lie.

Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 49. An act to create a commission to formulate a uniform system of blanks for deeds and mortgages and the records thereof;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Seaver of Washington, the House adjourned.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Campbell of Sutton,

H. 113. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sutton for the years 1915 and 1916;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Osgood of Rutland Town, (by request),

H. 114. An act relating to moneys accruing from poll taxes;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

By Mr. Osgood of Rutland Town, (by request),

H. 116. An act relating to the use of money in securing nomination or election to public office;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

Mr. Williams of Proctor offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 13.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the State treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to each member of the General Assembly the sum of one hundred dollars on February 2, 1917, or as soon thereafter as convenient, said payment to apply on account of compensation for the session;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.



Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused the third reading of House bill, entitled

H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;

Which was agreed to, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Waite of Shoreham moved that the record be corrected so as to make it appear that House bill, entitled

H. 101. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910; and section 745 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of savings banks and trust companies, increasing State tax;

Was introduced by Mr. Waite of Shoreham instead of Mr. Amidon of Halifax;

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Smith of Brownington arose to a question of personal privilege and thanked the House for its message of sympathy conveyed to him by resolution adopted in the House on the 16th day of January.

On motion of Mr. Young of Brandon, the House adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 23rd day of January he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:



H. 1. An act to repeal No. 171 and No. 172 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors;

H. 11. An act to provide for the consolidation of State insurance reports;

H. 19. An act in addition to No. 159 of the Acts of 1915, relating to cooperative fire insurance corporations;

H. 21. An act to repeal section 4754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the publication of the list of insurance companies;

H. 44. An act providing for an additional appropriation for the erection of the new State building;

(J. R. H. 12.) Joint resolution to provide for the payment of the expenses of the committee appointed to attend the funeral of Admiral Dewey.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Wright of Coventry,

H. 117. An act to aid the town of Coventry in rebuilding and repairing its river bridges;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Miller of Westminster,

H. 118. An act to protect wild bees and honey;

To the committee on conservation.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 119. An act to amend section 1185 of the Public Statutes, relating to the rank of the faculty of Norwich University;

To the committee on educational institutions.



By Mr. Waite of Weston,

H. 120. An act to appropriate a sum of one thousand dollars to assist in the improving of the Mount Tabor road leading westerly from Weston to Danby;

To the committee on appropriations.

Joint resolutions were severally offered, read the first time and referred to the committee on state and court expenses, as follows:

By Mr. Webster of Shelburne,

(J. R. H. 14.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Senate and House committees on State institutions are hereby empowered to visit the State hospital for the insane at Waterbury, the Brattleboro retreat at Brattleboro, the State industrial school at Vergennes and the State school for feeble-minded at Brandon, investigate the conditions and management of these institutions, and report their findings to their respective Houses and that the members of these committees have leave of absence for such time as is necessary to make such inspection. That the auditor of accounts is hereby authorized and directed to draw his order in favor of the chairmen of the committees for such sum as is necessary to reimburse the members of the committees for moneys actually expended by them in the investigation.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

(J. R. H. 15.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Chaplains of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each receive the sum of four dollars per day for their attendance at this session and the same allowance for mileage as members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Young of Brandon called up House bill, entitled

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual taxes;

And the bill was, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

H. 121. An act to amend section 555 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appraisal of improvements on realty;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Cummings of Castleton,

H. 122. An act to amend subdivision A of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 extending the open season for pickerel;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915 increasing the salary of the State fish and game commissioner;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Leach of Rupert,

H. 124. An act to pay William O. Sheldon the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

House bill, entitled

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual taxes;

Which had been called up by Mr. Young of Brandon, and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Young the bill was recommitted to the committee.



Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 12. An act to amend section 2621 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 69 of the Acts of 1908, relating to chattel mortgages;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Dalrymple, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 31. An act relating to the election of town auditors.

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 75. An act to amend section 1 of No. 23 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the promotion of the poultry interests of Vermont.

By Mr. Kelly, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 89. An act to amend section 1 of No. 305 of the Acts of 1906, as amended by section 1 of No. 316 of the Acts of 1915, relating to Fire District No. 1 of Wallingford.

By Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 105. An act relating to solicitor's fees in foreclosure cases.

Mr. Williams, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 21. An act to amend section 4795 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 161 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, with proposals of amendment,



*First.* In section 1, line 7, after the word “marine” by inserting the word *insurance*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 15, by striking out the word “doing” and inserting in lieu thereof the word *transacting*;

Whereupon the bill was read the second time, the proposals of amendment were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on temperance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 28. An act to amend section 5129 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 129 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the disposition of license fees;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon Mr. O’Sullivan of Colchester moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 79. An act to amend section 4029 of the Public Statutes, relating to liability of towns for damages on the highways;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the bill be recomitted to the committee;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Phelps, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 46. An act to amend section 4189 of the Public Statutes exempting burial lots and monuments from attachment.



By Mr. Moore, from the same committee,

H. 58. An act relating to contracts for the sale of real property.

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 62. An act to amend section 5590 of the Public Statutes, relating to the restraining of bulls.

By Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 65. An act relating to the recovery of costs.

By Mr. Pollard, from the same committee,

H. 82. An act to amend section 3402 of the Public Statutes, relating to aiding in the apprehension and prosecution of persons accused of crime.

On motion of Mr. Fogg of Underhill, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 29. An act to amend section 3039 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 107 of the Acts of 1912, relating to rights of married women;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 13.) Joint resolution to provide for advance payment to members of the General Assembly;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 29. An act to amend section 3039 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 107 of the Acts of 1912, relating to rights of married women;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Williams of Pawlet,

H. 125. An act to amend section 3418 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual town meetings;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Perrin of Hartford,

H. 126. An act to amend section 3649 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual fire district meetings;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Ricker of Groton,

H. 127. An act relating to fishing in Lake Iroquois, commonly called Hinesburg Pond;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 128. An act to authorize the village of Newport to issue bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 129. An act to amend section 6105 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 223 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment of moneys earned by prisoners;

To the committee on penal institutions.



By Mr. Bond of Searsburg,

H. 130. An act levying a tax on the County of Bennington for the purpose of paying indebtedness;

On motion of Mr. Root of Bennington referred to a special committee consisting of the members from Bennington county.

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Baker of Weybridge,

H. 132. An act to amend section 4180 of the Public Statutes, relating to the establishing or enlarging of cemeteries;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Perkins of Waterbury,

H. 133. An act to secure the benefits of the Federal Aid Road Act;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Reirden of Barton,

H. 134. An act to amend section 3667 of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers;

To the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Cox of Walden, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:



By Mr. Dana of New Haven,

H. 135. An act to amend section 48 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 182 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Moore of Plymouth,

H. 136. An act to amend paragraph B of section 16 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to traps and spring guns and compelling the owner to distinctly mark his traps;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Metzger of Randolph,

H. 137. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 3 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition thereto, to give women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the committee on suffrage and elections, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives:*

The committee on suffrage and elections, to which was referred a resolution respecting the right of the returned member from the town of Barnet, to a seat in this House, respectfully report, that they have considered the same and find the following facts:

That Mr. Leslie H. Thornton, the returned member from the town of Barnet held at the time of his election, the appointment of Postmaster in his town.

That the Constitution of this State makes certain offices incompatible, the language used being, "Nor shall any person holding an office of profit or trust, under the authority of Congress be eligible to any appointment in the Legislature, etc."

That the office of Postmaster is an office of "Profit or trust under the authority of Congress," was held by our Supreme Court in *McGregor vs. Balch*, 14 Vt. 428, and this case has been recognized as authority in the subsequent decisions of this House.



That there was no evidence of lack of good faith on the part of the returned member and it appears that the Constitutional requirements were not fully understood by him at the time of his election.

Your committee have made full inquiry into the facts of the case and made a careful examination of all of the authorities at their command, with the end in view to seat rather than to deprive any town of representation in this House.

Therefore, your committee find, that the returned member from the town of Barnet, is not eligible to a seat in this House and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

(H. R. 8.) Resolved, that Mr. Leslie H. Thornton the returned member of this House from the town of Barnet, is not entitled to a seat in this House for the reason that he held at the time of his election an "office of profit or trust under the authority of Congress," and his seat is therefore declared vacant.

PHILIP M. M. PHELPS,  
WILLIAM H. BUNDY,  
G. H. BEARD,  
DANIEL O'BRIEN,  
W. R. WHITE,  
MERTON F. BARBER,  
H. T. DUNBAR,  
G. H. HINDS,  
H. A. KINGSBURY,  
FRANK HAYNES,  
GEORGE W. ESDEN,  
CHAS. N. CURTIS,  
JOHN STANTON,  
RUSSELL B. ARCHER,  
C. G. MILLER.

*Committee on Suffrage and Elections.*

Which report was read, and the question being, Will the House adopt the report of the committee? It was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon, Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the House adopt the resolution recommended by the committee, and the question being, Will the House adopt the resolution? It was decided in the affirmative.



Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 16.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the State treasurer be hereby directed to pay Leslie H. Thornton his *per diem* and mileage from January 3, 1917, to and including January 25, 1917, said Thornton being the returned member from the town of Barnet, whose seat has been declared vacant because of the fact that he held the office of postmaster at the time of his election to the General Assembly;

Which was read and referred to the committee on suffrage and elections.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 12. An act to amend section 2621 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 69 of the Acts of 1908, relating to chattel mortgages;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 21. An act to amend section 4795 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 161 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 31. An act relating to the election of town auditors;

H. 75. An act to amend section 1 of No. 23 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the promotion of the poultry interests of Vermont;

H. 89. An act to amend section 1 of No. 305 of the Acts of 1906, as amended by section 1 of No. 316 of the Acts of 1915, relating to Fire District No. 1 of Wallingford;

H. 105. An act relating to solicitor's fees in foreclosure cases.



House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Kelly, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 27. An act to repeal a part of section 2 of No. 278 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the City of Rutland."

By Mr. Sinclair, from the same committee,

H. 55. An act to amend sections 5642 and 5643 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages done by dogs to sheep.

By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 66. An act to repeal No. 199 of the Acts of 1910 relating to the granting of a bounty on black bears.

By Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 90. An act to amend section 3310 of the Public Statutes, relating to neglect to furnish certificate of death.

By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on public buildings,

H. 99. An act to settle the divisional line between the land of the State and the land of Thomas J. Heaphy.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 6. An act relating to rebates of insurance premiums;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In section 1, line 7, after the word "consideration" by inserting the words *which is not offered to each and every other person, firm or corporation insured;*

The bill was read the second time, the proposed amendment was agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Rublee of Berkshire moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;



Which was agreed to. (On a division: Yes, 130; No, 69.)

Mr. Howland from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 112. An act to create the office of insurance commissioner and to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and session laws, relating to insurance commissioners and insurance expert;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* By adding to section 1 at the end thereof the words *or who receives, directly or indirectly, any compensation from an insurance company*;

*Second.* In section 8, line 2 by filling the blank with the words *twenty-five hundred*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Tunbridge, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 15. An act to expedite the trial of jury cases;

S. 16. An act to enlarge the duty of county clerks in the calendar assignment of jury cases;

S. 25. An act relating to non-resident fishing licenses;

S. 30. An act to amend section 2161 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 89 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.



House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 138. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 118 of the Acts of 1908, providing for the inspection of milk;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

H. 139. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Tenney of Dummerston,

H. 140. An act to amend section 3 of No. 11 of the Acts of 1908, creating a board of agriculture and forestry;

To the committee on conservation.

By Mr. Field of Salisbury,

H. 141. An act to amend paragraph A of section 28 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 limiting the hours of taking black bass;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 142. An act to amend section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 4 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 111 of the Acts of 1915 extending the right of suffrage to women;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.



H. 143. An act to make uniform the law of partnerships;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 144. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings allowing women to vote in town meetings;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Waite of Shoreham,

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 and repealing No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Trouville of South Hero,

H. 147. An act to repeal section 5312 of the Public Statutes, relating to regulations for issuing licenses to fish for sturgeon;

To the committee on fish and game.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:



S. 15. An act to expedite the trial of jury cases;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 16. An act to enlarge the duty of county clerks in the calendar assignment of jury cases;

To the same committee.

S. 25. An act relating to nonresident fishing licenses;

To the committee on fish and game.

S. 30. An act to amend section 2161 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 89 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions;

To the committee on judiciary.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 23. An act relating to the rights of organized labor, and the writ of injunction.

By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 25. An act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Saxtons River.

By Mr. Miller, from the committee on taxation,

H. 53. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, and to repeal subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation exemptions.

By Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 63. An act to amend section 5639 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages to domestic animals by dogs.



By Mr. Atwood, from the committee on taxation,

H. 85. An act to amend section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910, relating to poll taxes.

By Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 104. An act to amend section 3105 of the Public Statutes, relating to the custody of minor children upon the granting of divorce or an annulment of marriage.

By Mr. Deyette, from the committee on taxation,

H. 109. An act to amend section 555 of the Public Statutes, relating to appraisal of realty and making no deduction in appraisal for the removal of timber for a period of thirty years.

Mr. Belknap from the committee on minor courts, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 29. An act to amend section 6 of No. 321 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the Hartford Municipal Court;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Belknap the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Steele, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 64. An act to amend section 5948 of the Public Statutes, relating to keeping of gambling implements;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Dwinell of Calais the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Steele, from the same committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 98. An act to amend section 4189 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemption from attachment of lots in a burial ground and monuments thereon;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Pirie of Williamstown the bill was recommitted to the committee.



Mr. Austin, from the committee on education, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 100. An act to amend sections 136, 137, 138 and 139 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to textbooks, appliances and supplies for schools;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Wilson of Bristol the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro called up House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

And the bill was, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Dana of New Haven, the House adjourned.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bliss of Georgia, (by request),

H. 148. An act relating to the drinking of intoxicating liquor by a passenger on a common carrier;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Candon of Pittsford,

H. 149. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 179 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and imposing a tax to defray the expenses of such inspection;

To the committee on agriculture.



By Mr. Brown of Orwell,

H. 150. An act to amend paragraph c of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, increasing the number of tended lines which may be used in Lake Champlain;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Williams of Pawlet, (by request),

H. 151. An act prohibiting the sale of fur garments without first informing purchaser as to nature of the fur;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Chapman of Concord,

H. 152. An act to appropriate a sum not to exceed eight thousand dollars to assist the town of Concord in constructing a highway leading from Mile's Pond to East Concord;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 153. An act to amend section 1 of No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 restricting the operation of certain vehicles on highways;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county court and judges thereof;

To the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Pollard of Cavendish moved that when the House adjourns today it be to meet again on Monday afternoon next at three o'clock and thirty minutes;

Pending consideration of which motion, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the motion be amended,

By striking out the word "today" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *this forenoon*;

Which was agreed to;



Whereupon, Mr. Dwinell of Calais moved that the motion be further amended,

By striking out the words "three o'clock and thirty minutes" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *seven o'clock and thirty minutes*;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Will the House agree to the motion as made by Mr. Pollard of Cavendish as amended by Mr. Moore of Ludlow? It was decided in the affirmative.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 27. An act to repeal a part of section 2 of No. 278 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Rutland";

H. 66. An act to repeal No. 199 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the granting of a bounty on black bears; (On a division; Yes, 120, No, 57.) .

H. 90. An act to amend section 3310 of the Public Statutes, relating to neglect to furnish certificate of death;

H. 99. An act to settle the divisional line between the land of the State and the land of Thomas J. Heaphy.

House bill, entitled

H. 55. An act to amend sections 5642 and 5643 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages done by dogs to sheep;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Matot of Poultney, the bill was ordered to lie.

House bill, entitled

H. 112. An act to create the office of insurance commissioner and to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and session laws, relating to insurance commissioners and insurance expert;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Moore of Ludlow the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.



Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 8. An act to amend paragraph 2 of section 3068 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 104 of the Acts of 1915, relating to divorce;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Sinclair, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 128. An act to authorize the village of Newport to issue bonds;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Deyette, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 5, line 2, by striking out the word "before" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *after*;

*Second.* In section 8, line 7, by striking out the words "or police officer" and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,) and the words, *police officer or a justice of the peace*;

*Third.* In the same section, line 12, after the word "both" by inserting a semicolon (;) and the words *provided, however, that a report to the Secretary of State shall be sufficient in case the value of the property damaged does not exceed ten dollars*;

The bill was read the second time, the first and second recommendations of amendment severally agreed to, and pending consideration of the third recommendation of amendment, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the pending amendment be amended,



By substituting in lieu thereof the following: *provided however, that the terms of this section shall not apply in cases where the value of the property damaged does not exceed five dollars;*

Which was disagreed to, and pending the question, Will the House amend the bill as thirdly recommended by the committee? Mr. Dunbar of Hartland moved that the bill with pending amendment be recommitted to the committee;

Which was disagreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill with pending amendment be ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 24th day of January he approved and signed a joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

(J. R. H. 13.) Joint resolution to provide for advance payment to members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Stuart, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 16, line 1, by striking out the words "this chapter" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *sections fifteen to thirty, both inclusive;*

And pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be read the third time? The recommendation of amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.



House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

Which had been called up by Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro and placed in the Orders of the Day, was taken up and the recurring question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 9. An act to amend section 3110 of the Public Statutes, relating to remarriage;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes the bill was ordered to lie.

Mr. Eaton, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 13. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Phelps, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 45. An act to repeal No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it ordered to lie House bill, entitled



H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring. Shall the bill with pending recommendation of amendment be ordered to lie?

It was disagreed to.

Whereupon, pending the recurring question, Will the House amend the bill as thirdly recommended by the committee? Fenton further moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused to amend the pending amendment as moved by Mr. Moore of Ludlow, pending consideration of which, upon the further motion of Mr. Fenton the bill and pending motion was ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. White of Panton, the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. L. Olin Sherburne of Montpelier.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 5. An act to amend section 2652 of the Public Statutes, relating to lien on personal property for repairs, and providing an additional protection for the owner of such property;

S. 14. An act to amend section 3921 of the Public Statutes, relating to roads for the removal of lumber;

S. 24. An act to amend section 5717 of the Public Statutes, relating to rape;

S. 26. An act to repeal No. 11 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 13 of No. 42 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the compiling of statistical information;



S. 31. An act to allow towns to vote scholarships to deserving students;

S. 50. An act in amendment of section 3409 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 116 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appointment of notaries public and their commissions;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills, entitled

H. 7. An act to pay the town of Thetford the sum therein named;

H. 15. An act to amend sections 37, 292 and 293 of the Public Statutes, and section 255 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 42 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the engrossment of legislative acts and resolutions;

H. 35. An act relating to the use of muffler cut-outs on automobiles or motor vehicles;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 17. An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of No. 174 of the Acts of 1915.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 23d day of January he approved and signed a joint resolution originating in the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 12.) Joint Resolution relating to books of record issued to military organizations during the War of the Rebellion.

And that on the 26th day of January he approved and signed Senate bill, entitled



S. 18. An act to amend section 258 of the Public Statutes relating to the use of the Representatives' Hall and Senate Chamber.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 155. An act to amend section 4057 of the Public Statutes changing the weight which a wagon or carriage may carry on the public highways, and to amend section 4058 of the Public Statutes increasing the penalty for a violation of section 4057;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

H. 156. An act to regulate advertisements or solicitations for employees during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington,

H. 157. An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to aid in reconstructing and repairing the highway through Sunderland Hollow in Colchester;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Reirden of Barton,

H. 158. An act to make uniform the law relating to limited partnerships;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Fogg of Underhill, (by request),

H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

To the committee on temperance.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 8. An act to amend paragraph 2 of section 3068 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 104 of the Acts of 1915, relating to divorce;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes.

House bill, entitled

H. 128. An act to authorize the village of Newport to issue bonds;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Reirden of Barton the bill was ordered to lie.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the live-stock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Sweeney, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 34. An act to amend section 3961 of the Public Statutes, relating to compensation of townr oad commissioners;



Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 134. An act to amend section 3667 of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 18, by striking out the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *may*;

The bill was read the second time, the proposed amendment was agreed to, and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 14.) Joint resolution to empower the Senate and House committees on State institutions to visit the State Hospital for the Insane at Waterbury, the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro, the Industrial School at Vergennes and the State School for Feeble-Minded at Brandon, and to provide for expenses of said committee;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House when amended,

By striking out all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*That the Senate and House committees on State institutions are hereby empowered to visit the State School for Feeble-Minded at Brandon, investigate the conditions and management of this institution, and report their findings to their respective Houses and that the members of these committees have leave of absence for such time as is necessary to make such inspection. That the auditor of accounts is authorized and directed to draw his order in favor of the chairmen of the committees for such sum as is necessary to reimburse the members of the committees for moneys actually expended by them in the investigation;*

The joint resolution was read the second time, the proposed amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Bailey, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 36. An act to provide that all public printing be done within the State;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Williams of Proctor called up House bill, entitled

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Haynes of Orange, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 13. An act to amend section 2658 of the Public Statutes, relating to a lien on animals for keeping;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled



S. 21. An act to amend section 4795 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 161 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies;

And has concurred therein.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Taylor of Derby,

H. 160. An act to amend paragraphs 2 and 12 and to repeal paragraph 7 of section 2 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended and to amend section 5 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended, relating to the village of West Derby, abolishing the highway district of West Derby;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 161. An act to pay Ivan L. Manzer the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester,

H. 162. An act to amend section 5623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dog licenses;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol, (by request),

H. 164. An act to amend subdivision XV of section 496 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 37 of the Acts of 1912 and No. 28 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the exemption of soldiers' property from taxation;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Irish of Williston,

H. 165. An act to amend section 5153 of the Public Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor;

To the committee on temperance.



By Mr. Waite of Weston,

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Dana of New Haven,

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor, (by request),

H. 168. An act to amend section 2 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and by section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to salaries of inspectors in the department of weights and measures;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Dana of New Haven, (by request),

H. 170. An act to provide for the delivery of a weight slip with coal;

To the same committee.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 5. An act to repeal sections 2588 and 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;



Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 163. An act to amend section 2588 and to repeal section 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 5. An act to amend section 2652 of the Public Statutes, relating to lien on personal property for repairs, and providing an additional protection for the owner of such property;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 13. An act to amend section 2658 of the Public Statutes, relating to a lien on animals for keeping;

To the general committee.

S. 14. An act to amend section 3921 of the Public Statutes, relating to roads for the removal of lumber;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

S. 24. An act to amend section 5717 of the Public Statutes, relating to rape;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 26. An act to repeal No. 11 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 13 of No. 42 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the compiling of statistical information;

To the general committee.

S. 31. An act to allow towns to vote scholarships to deserving students;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

S. 50. An act in amendment of section 3409 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 116 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appointment of notaries public and their commissions;

To the committee on judiciary.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the livestock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? On motion of Mr. Candon of Pittsford the bill was recommitted to the committee.

House bill, entitled

H. 34. An act to amend section 3961 of the Public Statutes, relating to compensation of town road commissioners;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely;

Which was disagreed to; (On a division: Yes 91, No, 99.)

And the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bill, entitled

H. 45. An act to repeal No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

Was taken up as the special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 170. Nays, 46.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Noble of Tunbridge, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,

Baldwin,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bentley,

Bix,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Bundy,



Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Casey,  
Chapman, of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Dillon,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Hooper,

Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,

Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Root,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young,

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,

Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dunbar,  
Esden,  
Fogg,  
Gates,  
Gray,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Holbrook,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,

O'Dowd,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Shanley,  
Stanton,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor.

Those members absent and not voting were

Mr. Allbee,  
Amidon,  
Barber,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,



Briggs,  
Buck,  
Carlton,  
Cheney,  
Eaton,  
Foley,  
Hale,  
Howe,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Lynaugh,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Spalding,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Warren,  
Wheeler.

House bill, entitled

H. 134. An act to amend section 3667 of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers;

Was read the third time and passed.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 14.) Joint resolution to empower the Senate and House committees on State institutions to visit the State Hospital for the Insane at Waterbury, the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro, the Industrial School at Vergennes and the State School for Feeble-Minded at Brandon, and to provide for expenses of said committees;

Was read the third time and adopted on the part of the House.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Fenton of Rutland City, the title of the joint resolution was amended to read as follows:

*Joint resolution to empower the Senate and House committees on State institutions to visit the State School for Feeble-Minded at Brandon, and to provide for expenses of said committees.*



House bill, entitled

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

Which had been called up by Mr. Williams of Proctor and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and the question being, Will the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused to amend the third proposed amendment of the committee as moved by Mr. Moore of Ludlow? (See page 124) It was decided in the affirmative, and the question recurring, Shall the amendment be amended as moved by Mr. Moore? It was decided in the affirmative;

And the question being, Shall the bill be amended as thirdly proposed by the committee as amended as moved by Mr. Moore? It was decided in the affirmative, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 17. An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of No. 174 of the Acts of 1915;

*First.* In section 1, line 3, after the word "of" where it secondly occurs, by inserting the words and figures *section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by;*

*Second.* By amending the title of the bill so as to read as follows:

*An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by No. 174 of the Acts of 1915;*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Cannon of Northfield, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 42. An act to amend section 2 of No. 83 of the Acts of 1865, entitled "An act to incorporate the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College";

S. 45. An act to amend section 2750 of the Public Statutes, relating to proving wills made without the State.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 105. An act relating to solicitor's fees in foreclosure cases;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 30th day of January he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 7. An act to pay the town of Thetford the sum therein named;

H. 15. An act to amend sections 37, 292 and 293 of the Public Statutes, and section 255 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 42 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the engrossment of legislative acts and resolutions;

H. 35. An act relating to the use of muffler cut-outs on automobiles or motor vehicles.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:



S. 42. An act to amend section 2 of No. 83 of the Acts of 1865, entitled "An act to incorporate the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College";

To the committee on educational institutions.

S. 45. An act to amend section 2750 of the Public Statutes, relating to proving wills made without the State;

To the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 39. An act imposing upon the commissioner of agriculture the duties of the state board of agriculture and forestry, state nursery inspector, state ornithologist, state forester, live stock commissioner and trustees of the state agricultural schools, by amending and repealing certain sections of the Public Statutes and Acts of 1908, 1910, 1912 and 1915, relating to such officers;

Reported in favor of its passage, recommending that the bill be amended,

*First.* In section 8, lines 19 to 26, by striking out the following: "and conduct experimental investigations pertinent to forestry, which, subject to the approval of the Governor, may be made in cooperation with the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station, and with the United States forest service; provided, however, that such experiment station bears its proportional share of the total expense involved in such studies and investigations";

*Second.* In the same section, lines 38 and 39, by striking out the following: "Said forester may appoint a deputy who shall be a professionally trained forester" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *Said forester shall appoint a deputy who shall be a professionally trained forester, who may, subject to the approval of the Governor, conduct and report upon experimental investigations pertinent to forestry in cooperation with the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station and the United States forest service, and deliver addresses, lectures and demonstrations in forestry in connection with the resident and extension service of the State Agricultural College, provided, however, that said station, service and college bear their proportional shares of the total expense involved in such work;*



The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Waite, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 77. An act to create the office of commissioner of industries and to amend and repeal certain sections, relating to the industrial accident board and factory inspector;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 6, lines 7 and 8, by striking out the words "and punish for contempt" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *The county court, a justice of the supreme court or a superior judge shall have power to enforce by proper proceedings the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination of books, papers, records and documents before said commissioner, and, in the case of a corporation, the provisions of sections four thousand two hundred fifty-two to four thousand two hundred fifty-six, both inclusive, of the Public Statutes shall apply;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment was agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 6, line 6, after the word "oaths" by striking out the comma (,) and inserting the word *and*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Leach, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 121. An act to amend section 555 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appraisal of improvements on realty;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Mott of Alburg the bill was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Stearns of Burlington, the House adjourned.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Barrett of Cabot offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 17.) *Whereas* by No. 62 of the Acts of 1910, the Vermont State School of Agriculture was established at Randolph, and, by No. 76 of the Acts of 1915, the Theodore N. Vail Agricultural School was established at Lyndon, and,

*Whereas*, the wisdom of this legislation is recognized in view of the fact that agriculture is and of necessity must be preeminent among the interests of the State, and opportunity for a proper agricultural training of Vermont youth is of vital importance, and,

*Whereas*, the report of the trustees of said agricultural schools and the necessity of legislative appropriations, emphasized by public discussion, make it advisable to determine definitely the policy of the State with reference to said institutions, therefore

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Vermont State School of Agriculture at Randolph and the Theodore N. Vail Agricultural School at Lyndon be maintained;

That said institutions be placed on a basis of efficiency by means of proper equipment and adequate maintenance;

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph, ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and thirty minutes.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cunningham of Norton,

H. 171. An act to amend paragraph A of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by paragraph A of section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915 by including golden trout;

To the committee on fish and game.



By Mr. Smalley of Morristown,

H. 172. An act to enable the town of Morristown to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money to build a new schoolhouse and acquiring land for the same;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Gill of Springfield,

H. 173. An act relating to headlights and spot lights on vehicles;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Barrett of Cabot,

H. 174. An act to amend section 5268 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appointment of county and deputy fish and game wardens;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Hunt of Danville, (by request),

H. 175. An act to amend section 4092 of the Public Statutes, relating to fines for violations of the laws regulating the operation of motor vehicles, providing a moiety for complainants;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 176. An act to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases, and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Gridley of Windsor,

H. 177. An act to amend section 26 of the Public Statutes defining the word "person" in the construction of statutes so as to include partnerships and unincorporated associations;

To the committee on judiciary.



By Mr. Moore of Plymouth,

H. 178. An act to amend sections 72, 74 and 75 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the appointment of fish and game wardens; abolishing the office of county and deputy fish and game wardens and fixing salaries of fish and game wardens;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 179. An act to pay Claude D. Graton the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. Hale of Dover, (by request),

H. 180. An act to amend section 20 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to witness and jurors fees in municipal or city court;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 181. An act to amend section 4153 of the Public Statutes, relating to cemeteries, providing for repairs by selectmen;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Perrin of Hartford,

H. 182. An act to provide that cattle sold within the State shall be tested with tuberculin;

To the committee on agriculture.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;



H. 77. An act to create the office of commissioner of industries and to amend and repeal certain sections, relating to the industrial accident board and factory inspector.

House bill, entitled

H. 39. An act imposing upon the commissioner of agriculture the duties of the state board of agriculture and forestry, state nursery inspector, state ornithologist, state forester, livestock commissioner and trustees of the state agricultural schools, by amending and repealing certain sections of the Public Statutes and Acts of 1908, 1910, 1912 and 1915, relating to such officers;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven asked and had leave to move an amendment as follows:

By striking out section 1;

Which was disagreed to, and the bill was passed.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health,

H. 87. An act relating to standards of purity and quality for ice cream and ice cream products, and to regulate the sale thereof;

By Mr. Gill, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 95. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a State highway tax;

By Mr. Martin, from the special committee composed of the members from Bennington County,

H. 130. An act levying a tax on the County of Bennington for the purpose of paying indebtedness;

Mr. Beard, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 26. An act to amend section 10 of No. 7 of the Acts of 1915, providing for filling of vacancies in the office of United States senator;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 11, by striking out the article "an" and inserting in lieu thereof the article and word *a special*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 163. An act to amend section 2588 and to-repeal section 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Moore of Ludlow the bill was recommitted to the committee.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Ranney, from the committee on commerce and labor,

H. 42. An act to amend the first paragraph of section 5, and section 6 of No. 168 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign and domestic creamery companies;

By Mr. Leonard, from the general committee,

H. 86. An act relating to the prevention of damage and nuisance from smoke;

By Mr. White, from the committee on suffrage and elections,

H. 116. An act relating to the use of money in securing nomination or election to public office.

House bill, entitled

H. 112. An act to create the office of insurance commissioner and to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and Session Laws, relating to insurance commissioners and insurance expert;



Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Howland of Barre City asked and had leave to offer the following amendments:

*First.* In section 4, line 5, by striking out the words "and punish for contempt" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *The county court, a justice of the supreme court or a superior judge shall have power to enforce by proper proceedings the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination of books, papers, records and documents before said commissioner, and, in the case of a corporation, the provisions of sections four thousand two hundred and fifty-two to four thousand two hundred and fifty-six, both inclusive, of the Public Statutes shall apply;*

*Second.* In the same section, line 4, after the word "papers" by striking out the comma (,) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *and*;

Which amendments were severally agreed to, whereupon Mr. Moore of Ludlow asked and had leave to offer the following amendment:

By adding to section 8 at the end thereof the words *Said commissioner shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office;*

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill was passed.

On motion of Mr. Young of Brandon, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bronson of Shaftsbury,

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;

To the committee on agriculture.



By Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte,

H. 184. An act to amend section 1017 of the Public Statutes, relating to instruction of advanced pupils;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 186. An act to amend section 5121 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 178 of the Acts of 1910 and amended by No. 173 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, prohibiting the granting of certain licenses to persons holding a public office and the granting of a license in a building where violations have been committed within one year without the knowledge of the owner;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Rood of Woodstock,

H. 187. An act to provide for repairs and alterations to the court house in Windsor County;

On motion of Mr. Moore of Ludlow, referred to a special committee consisting of the members from Windsor County.

Mr. Bates, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bills of the following titles:

H. 18. An act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways;

H. 20. An act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways;

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 185. An act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways;

Which was read and, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Bradford, the House adjourned.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

H. 188. An act to amend section 6155 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary and expenses of the adjutant and inspector general;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 189. An act to amend sections 35, 100, 187 and 200 of No. 249 of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the City of Rutland";

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 190. An act to establish the militia;

To the committee on military affairs.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 87. An act relating to standards of purity and quality for ice cream and ice cream products, and to regulate the sale thereof;

H. 95. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a State highway tax;

H. 130. An act levying a tax on the County of Bennington for the purpose of paying indebtedness.

House bill, entitled

H. 26. An act to amend section 10 of No. 7 of the Acts of 1915, providing for filling of vacancies in the office of United States senator;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 16, by striking out the article "an" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *no*;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill was passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 30. An act to amend section 2161 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 89 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions.

By Mr. Moore, from the same committee,

S. 50. An act to amend section 3409 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 116 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appointment of notaries public and their commissions.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Perkins, from the committee on appropriations,

H. 74. An act to aid the town of Mount Tabor in building bridges;

By Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health,

H. 91. An act to prohibit the sale of certain drugs or commodities containing methyl or wood alcohol.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 17.) Joint resolution to approve the continuance of the Vermont State School of Agriculture at Randolph and the Theodore N. Vail Agricultural School at Lyndon;



Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Will the House adopt the joint resolution on its part? It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Danville, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate passed a bill, entitled

S. 36. An act to make uniform the law of sales of goods;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 3. An act to authorize the town of Richford to issue bonds;

H. 27. An act to repeal a part of section 2 of No. 278 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the City of Rutland";

H. 31. An act relating to the election of town auditors;

H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;

H. 90. An act to amend section 3310 of the Public Statutes, relating to neglect to furnish certificate of death;

H. 99. An act to settle the divisional line between the land of the State and the land of Thomas J. Heaphy;

And has passed the same in concurrence.



Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes moved that House bill, entitled

H. 162. An act to amend section 5623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dog licenses;

Be withdrawn from the committee on municipal corporations and re-referred to the general committee;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 36. An act to make uniform the law of sales of goods;

Was read and referred to the committee on judiciary.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Pollard, from the committee on penal institutions,

H. 129. An act to amend section 6105 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 223 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment of moneys earned by prisoners.

By Mr. Miner, from the committee on commerce and labor,

H. 170. An act to provide for the delivery of a weight slip with coal.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Howland of Barre City the bill was ordered to lie.



Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been recommitted Senate bill, entitled

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the livestock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

*First* In section 1, line 3, after the word "claims" by inserting the words *accruing subsequent to the first day of February, 1917, and prior to the time when the regular appropriations shall become available;*

*Second.* In the same section, lines 6 and 7, by striking out the words "after the regular appropriations had been exhausted";

Which proposals of amendment were agreed to and the bill was passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 163. An act to amend section 2588 and to repeal section 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 15, by striking out the words "injured thereby";

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 185. An act relating to vehicles carrying lights at night on public highways;

Was taken up, read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Williams of Proctor, the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes.



House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Cannon, from the general committee,

H. 24. An act to provide for the examination and licensing of stationary engineers and firemen;

By Mr. Flint, from the same committee,

H. 80. An act relating to the operation of motor vehicles on bridges;

By Mr. Young, from the committee on commerce and labor,

H. 151. An act prohibiting the sale of fur garments without first informing purchaser as to the nature of the fur.

Mr. Austin, from the committee on education, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 100. An act to amend sections 136, 137, 138 and 139 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to textbooks, appliances and supplies for schools;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected;

On the question of rejection, Mr. Wilson of Bristol, demanded the yeas and nays but the demand was not sustained.

On motion of Mr. White of Panton, the House adjourned.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the second day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:



H. 17. An act providing a penalty for persons escaping from the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, when committed thereto under the provisions of section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by No. 174 of the Acts of 1915;

H. 105. An act relating to solicitors fees in foreclosure cases.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Taylor of Tinmouth,

H. 191. An act to provide for the indexing of the records of vital statistics in the office of the Secretary of State;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 192. An act to legalize appropriations by towns and cities for dependents of members of the National Guard in federal service;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol,

H. 193. An act to amend section 136 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the purchase of textbooks and supplies for schools;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Bell of Lunenburg,

H. 194. An act to pay the town of Lunenburg the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. Robinson of Bridgewater, (by request),

H. 195. An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners of lands and prescribing their duties;

To the committee on conservation.



By Mr. Gill of Springfield,

H. 196. An act to amend section 16 of No. 91 of the **Acts of 1915**; by adding thereto another paragraph, relating to security in case of exceptions to supreme court;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 197. An act for the better protection of automobile **garage** keepers and owners;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Bates of Moretown,

H. 198. An act to amend paragraph (b) of No. 4 of the **Acts of 1915**, providing for primary elections;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

H. 199. An act relating to the licensing of persons **transporting** persons for hire in automobiles or motor vehicles and the making of traffic rules and regulations;

To the general committee.

H. 200. An act to require town clerks to report **municipal** exemptions;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Tenney of Dummerston,

H. 201. An act to amend section 1 of No. 166 of the **Acts of 1912**, entitled "An act to regulate the sale and **distribution** of electric energy," granting preference to those **using** electricity within and adjoining municipal corporations;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

H. 202. An act to amend section 6 of No. 210 of the **Acts of 1880**, as amended by section 4 of No. 163 of the Acts



of 1896, and section 5 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, incorporating the village of Lyndonville;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

H. 203. An act to authorize Caledonia County to raise a tax to defray the expenses of the Caledonia Fair-ground Association;

On motion of Mr. Stuart of Lyndon, referred to a special committee consisting of the members from Caledonia County.

By Mr. Dunn of Stamford, (by request),

H. 204. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Allen of Wolcott,

H. 205. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, providing for an annual census of the maple sugar crop and of certain domestic animals;

To the general committee.

Mr. Wilson of Pownal offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 18.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That a joint special committee consisting of two senators and three representatives be appointed by the presiding officer of each House respectively to visit the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro to take into consideration, investigate and report upon the management of such institution and the care and treatment of persons who have been or are now confined therein, and as to the honest and faithful performance of all the duties of the officers thereof; and for that purpose said committee is hereby empowered to visit such institution, to hear evidence, to compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena or otherwise and the production of papers and books before it and to employ a stenographic reporter at the expense of the State; and for the purpose of such investigation, said committee is authorized to sit during the session of the respective Houses. That the auditor of accounts is hereby authorized to draw



his order in favor of the chairman of the committee for such sum as is necessary to reimburse the members of the committee for moneys actually expended by them in the investigation;

Which was read and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

Mr. Flint, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 15.) Joint resolution to provide for per diem of the Chaplains;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 30. An act to amend section 2161 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 89 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions;

S. 50. An act to amend section 3409 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 116 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appointment of notaries public and their commissions;

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 74. An act to aid the town of Mount Tabor in building bridges;

H. 91. An act to prohibit the sale of certain drugs or commodities containing methyl or wood alcohol;

H. 129. An act to amend section 6105 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 223 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment of moneys earned by prisoners;

H. 163. An act to amend section 2588 and to repeal section 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;



H. 170. An act to provide for the delivery of a weight slip with coal.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance,

H. 92. An act to amend section 5211 of the Public Statutes, relating to physicians' prescriptions for intoxicating liquor;

By Mr. Whitney, from the committee on taxation,

H. 113. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sutton for the years 1915 and 1916;

By Mr. Irish, from the committee on conservation,

H. 118. An act to protect wild bees and honey;

By Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance,

H. 148. An act relating to the drinking of intoxicating liquor by a passenger on a common carrier.

Mr. Belknap, from the committee on educational institutions, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 119. An act to amend section 1185 of the Public Statutes, relating to the rank of the faculty of Norwich University;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 14, after the word "of" by inserting the words *major, assistant professors shall have the rank of*;

The bill was read a second time, the amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Perkins, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 133. An act to secure the benefits of the Federal Aid Road Act;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 2, by striking out the words "and approves" and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,) and the words *approves and pledges its good faith to meet the terms;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 78. An act to amend section 2 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An act relating to the taxation of personal property and providing for offsets for debts owing;"

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Austin of Reading moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes, 47; No, 122).

Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester moved that when the House adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at three o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to (On a division, Yes, 98; No, 86).

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Young, from the committee on ways and means,

H. 101. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910; and section 745 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of savings banks and trust companies, increasing State tax;

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 138. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 118 of the Acts of 1908, providing for the inspection of milk;



By Mr. Belknap, from the committee on taxation,

H. 164. An act to amend subdivision XV of section 496 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 37 of the Acts of 1912 and No. 28 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the exemption of soldiers' property from taxation.

On motion of Mr. Waite of Shoreham, the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Page, its Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the exhibition of obscene and immoral moving pictures and shows;

S. 52. An act to amend section 5810 of the Public Statutes, relating to cruelty to animals;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 14.) Joint resolution to empower the Senate and House committees on State institutions to visit the State school at Brandon, and to provide for expenses of said committees;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.



Mr. Dana of New Haven moved that Rule 7 be amended so as to read as follows:

*Rule 7.*

*The House shall meet every day at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at two o'clock in the afternoon; provided, however that when the House adjourns on Saturday forenoon it shall be to meet at three o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon of the Monday following;*

Which motion was ordered to lie and be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 19.) *Whereas, in the opinion of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, the President of the United States has exhausted every honorable means to preserve the honor and integrity of this nation, and has deemed it necessary on account of the persistent and long continued violation by the German Government of the fundamental principles of international law, to sever diplomatic relations with the Government of Germany; therefore*

*Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives: That the State of Vermont, by the vote of its General Assembly now in session, hereby assures the Federal Government of its firm and unwavering support at this critical time in the world's history, and that it is the sense of the General Assembly that this State proceed at once to the adequate preparation for any emergency that may arise, so that it may respond to any call that may be made upon it by the Federal Government;*

And resolved further that the Secretary of State be and hereby is instructed to send to the President of the United States a duly attested copy of this resolution;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 20.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives: That the following joint rule to be numbered Rule 2 is hereby adopted:*



## Rule 2.

Permission to use either legislative chamber for other than statutory purposes, may be granted by the joint standing committee on joint rules in their discretion;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton,

H. 206. An act to appropriate money to meet disbursements required by section 7 of No. 101 of the Acts of 1915;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

H. 207. An act to authorize the village of Proctor to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Clift of Middletown Springs,

H. 208. An act relating to dogs running at large;

To the general committee.

H. 209. An act permitting the killing of dogs found at large;

To the same committee.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester,

H. 210. An act to authorize the village of Winooski to refund outstanding sewer bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Holbrook of Lemington.

H. 211. An act to amend section 1 of No. 255 of the Acts of 1915, relating to reimbursement of townsthat have freed toll bridges between the States of Vermont and New Hampshire;

To the committee on highways and bridges.



By Mr. Bundy of Manchester,

H. 212. An act to amend section 621 of the Public Statutes, relating to warrants against delinquent taxpayers, omitting provisions as to four per cent heretofore allowed for payment of taxes within ninety days;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Beers of Landgrove,

H. 213. An act to require the chairman of the board of selectmen to furnish a bond if the town so votes at its annual meeting;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 214. An act to amend subdivision (a) of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to petitions in primary elections;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Beers of Landgrove,

H. 215. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 110 of the Acts of 1910 and by No. 119 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 116 of the Acts of 1915, providing that in towns not having more than fifty legal voters a selectman may also be a lister;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Allen of Wolcott,

H. 217. An act to tax unregistered motor vehicles;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 218. An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby;

To the committee on municipal corporations and the committee on town lines.



By Mr. Allbee of Townshend,

H. 219. An act relating to women taxpayers voting on taxation and appropriations;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

H. 220. An act to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Brighton for the year 1914 and the grand lists thereof for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow, (by request),

H. 221. An act to amend section 3068 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 3072, 3077 and 3098 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to divorce for hereditary incurable mania in case of fraudulent concealment;

To the judiciary committee.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

H. 222. An act relating to the use of automobiles by nonresidents;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 223. An act to amend section 6218 of the Public Statutes, relating to fee for granting letters testamentary or letters of administration;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

H. 224. An act to amend section 666 of the Public Statutes, relating to the delivery of tax bills;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

Mr. Gill, from the committee on highways and bridges introduced a bill, entitled



H. 216. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation;

Which was read, and under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the exhibition of obscene and immoral moving pictures and shows;

To the general committee.

S. 52. An act to amend section 5810 of the Public Statutes, relating to cruelty to animals;

To the judiciary committee.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 92. An act to amend section 5211 of the Public Statutes, relating to physicians' prescriptions for intoxicating liquor;

H. 113. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sutton for the years 1915 and 1916;

H. 119. An act to amend section 1185 of the Public Statutes, relating to the rank of the faculty of Norwich University;

H. 133. An act to secure the benefits of the Federal Aid Road Act;

H. 148. An act relating to the drinking of intoxicating liquor by a passenger on a common carrier.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 15.) Joint resolution to provide for per diem and mileage of the Chaplains;

Was read the third time and adopted on the part of the House.



House bill, entitled

H. 118. An act to protect wild bees and honey;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Barrett of Cabot asked and had leave to offer the following amendments:

*First.* In section 1, line 4, by striking out the word "notices" and inserting in lieu thereof the article and word *a notice*;

*Second.* In the same section, lines 8 and 9, by striking out the words "upon or near the boundaries thereof and one such sign at each corner thereof";

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the bill was passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Fullam, from the general committee,

S. 13. An act to amend section 2658 of the Public Statutes, relating to a lien on animals for keeping;

By Mr. White, from the same committee,

S. 26. An act to repeal No. 11 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 13 of No. 42 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the compiling of statistical information.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Kelly, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 69. An act to amend sections 4 and 5 and subdivision 1 of section 10 of No. 234 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act to incorporate the village of Concord";



By Mr. Eaton, from the same committee,

H. 72. An act to amend the charter of Swanton village, relating to its power plant at Highgate Falls and to the issuing of bonds;

By Mr. Hall, from the same committee,

H. 126. An act to amend section 3649 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual fire district meetings;

H. 172. An act to enable the town of Morristown to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money to build a new schoolhouse and acquiring land for the same.

Mr. Williams of Proctor, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 10. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the support of the Soldiers' Home at Bennington;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 1, after the word "of" by striking out the compound word "forty-four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *nine*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 4, by striking out the words and figures "years 1917 and 1918" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures *six months' period ending June 30, 1917*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. McLaughlin, from the committee on municipal corporations to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 114. An act relating to moneys accruing from poll taxes;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Page, their Secretary, as follows:



I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 59. An act to amend section 2 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the annual meeting of the board of registration of nurses;

S. 63. An act to give the right of appeal from the probate court to the supreme court in certain cases;

S. 64. An act to amend section 5529 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 221 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 223 of the Acts of 1912, relating to inquests;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend sections 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

And has passed the same in concurrence, with proposal of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the livestock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

And have concurred therein.

The Senate has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 19.) Joint resolution to assure the President of the United States of the unqualified support of the State of Vermont in the present crisis;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled



(J. R. H. 20.) Joint resolution providing for the adoption of a joint rule, relating to granting use of either legislative chamber;

And has adopted the same in concurrence with a proposal of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the second day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 12. An act to amend section 2621 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 69 of the Acts of 1908, relating to chattel mortgages;

S. 21. An act to amend section 4795 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 161 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies;

On motion of Mr. Pirie of Williamstown, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 225. An act relating to the apprehension and surrender of fugitives from justice;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

H. 226. An act to amend section 6151 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 3 of No. 21 of the Acts of 1908, No. 246 of the Acts of 1912 and No. 228 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the salary of the bank commissioner;

To the committee on state and court expenses.



H. 227. An act to create the office of State engineer and to define his duties; to amend section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1906 and to repeal sections 2 and 3 of said act, relating to boundary line commissioner;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

H. 228. An act to amend section 4928 of the Public Statutes, relating to the standard of milk as paying basis; decreasing the per cent of butter fat;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Jericho, (by request),

H. 229. An act to amend paragraph (b) of section 2 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to offsets for debts owing;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

H. 230. An act to amend section 3623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1912, relating to appropriation for musical entertainments and visiting nurse, limiting the amount appropriated therefor;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Aiken of Putney, (by request),

H. 231. An act to amend section 2577 of the Public Statutes, relating to deeds; requiring a survey of lands conveyed;

To the committee on judiciary.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 59. An act to amend section 2 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the annual meeting of the board of registration of nurses;

To the committee on public health.



**S. 63.** An act to give the right of appeal from the probate court to the supreme court in certain cases;

To the committee on judiciary.

**S. 64.** An act to amend section 5529 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 221 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 223 of the Acts of 1912, relating to inquests;

To the same committee.

Senate proposal of amendment to joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 20.) Joint resolution providing for the adoption of a joint rule, relating to granting use of either legislative chamber;

By adding the following clause:

*Joint Rules numbered 2 to 17, inclusive, are hereby re-numbered as Joint Rules 3 to 18, inclusive;*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

**H. 6.** An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

*First.* In section 1, lines 14 to 16, by striking out the words "one hundred thousand dollars of the average amount of deposits and accumulations of";

*Second.* By striking out all of section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Sec. 2. This act shall not affect the liability of corporations or persons to make returns or to pay taxes accrued under laws in force prior to the enactment hereof, nor any suit or proceeding to enforce such tax or any forfeiture therewith connected;*

Were severally considered, the first of which was non-concurred in (On a division: Yes, 94, No, 104), the second of which was concurred in.



The amendment to Rule 7 as moved by Mr. Dana of New Haven yesterday was taken up (For proposed amendment see page 163);

And the question being, Will the House adopt the proposed amendment? It was decided in the affirmative.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 13. An act to amend section 2658 of the Public Statutes, relating to a lien on animals for keeping;

S. 26. An act to repeal No. 11 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 13 of No. 42 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the compiling of statistical information;

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 10. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the support of the Soldiers' Home at Bennington;

H. 69. An act to amend sections 4 and 5 and subdivision 1 of section 10 of No. 234 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Concord";

H. 72. An act to amend the charter of Swanton village, relating to its power plant at Highgate Falls and to the issuing of bonds;

H. 126. An act to amend section 3649 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual fire district meetings;

H. 172. An act to enable the town of Morristown to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money to build a new schoolhouse and acquiring land for the same.

Mr. Sinclair, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 181. An act to amend section 4153 of the Public Statutes, relating to cemeteries, providing for repairs by selectmen;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Smith, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 1, by striking out the article and word "a building" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *buildings*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment was agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Stearns of Burlington, the bill was recommitted to the committee.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected;

By Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 125. An act to amend section 3418 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual town meetings.

By Mr. Young, from the committee on commerce and labor,

H. 156. An act to regulate advertisements or solicitations for employees during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes.

By Mr. Hardy, from the committee on education,

H. 184. An act to amend section 1017 of the Public Statutes, relating to instruction of advanced pupils.

By Mr. Bucklin, from the same committee,

H. 193. An act to amend section 136 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the purchase of text-books and supplies for schools.

On motion of Mr. Leach of Rupert, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow presiding.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

S. 49. An act to provide for clean, sanitary, and healthful food establishments;

S. 55. An act relating to the acknowledgments of written instruments;

S. 60. An act to amend section 338 of the Public Statutes, relating to the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairyman's Association and premiums awarded for exhibits;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 130. An act levying a tax on the County of Bennington for the purpose of paying indebtedness;

H. 134. An act to amend section 3667 of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

To the committee on agriculture.



S. 49. An act to provide for clean, sanitary, and healthful food establishments;

To the committee on public health.

S. 55. An act relating to the acknowledgments of written instruments;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 60. An act to amend section 338 of the Public Statutes, relating to the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairyman's Association and premiums awarded for exhibits;

To the committee on agriculture.

House bill, entitled

H. 185. An act relating to vehicles carrying lights at night on public highways;

Was taken up as the special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Prouty of Newport called up House bill, entitled

H. 128. An act to authorize the village of Newport to issue bonds;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Dana of New Haven, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1917.

The Speaker presiding.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. Wesley Miller of Bethel.

House bills of the following titles in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:



By Mr. Miles of Glover,

H. 232. An act to amend section 6144 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 184 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

H. 233. An act to amend section 6145 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary of the attorney general;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Aiken of Putney, ,

H. 234. An act to make the United States census sheets now deposited in county courts accessible;

To the committee on library.

By Mr. Wilson of Pownal,

H. 235. An act relating to the inspection of meat;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Whitney of St. Johnsbury,

H. 236. An act to repeal No. 348 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the Fifteen Mile Falls Power Company;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

House bill, entitled

H. 181. An act to amend section 4153 of the Public Statutes, relating to cemeteries, providing for repairs by selectmen;

Was read the third time and passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 185. An act relating to vehicles carrying lights at night on public highways;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Spalding of Warren asked and had leave to offer an amendment,



In section 1, line 3, after the word "displayed" by inserting the words *on the left hand side of the driver*;

Pending consideration of which amendment, Mr. Williams of Proctor moved to amend the amendment,

By striking out the word "driver" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *vehicle*;

Which motion was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as moved by Mr. Spalding? It was decided in the negative and the bill was passed.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 130. An act levying a tax on the County of Bennington for the purpose of paying indebtedness;

By striking out sections 2 and 3 and inserting in lieu thereof three new sections, to be numbered sections 2, 3 and 4, as follows:

*Sec. 2. The assistant judges of the county court for said county are hereby authorized and empowered to make and deliver to the treasurer of said county a written order directing him to issue warrants to the collectors of taxes of the several towns in said county for the collection of the tax on the grand lists of the years 1917 and 1918, respectively, according to the provisions of this act.*

*Sec. 3. Said treasurer shall within thirty days from the receipt of such order issue his warrants requiring such tax to be paid to him within sixty days from the date of such warrants.*

*Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 134. An act to amend section 3667 of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers;

*First.* In section 1, line 11, after the word "thereof" by inserting the words *in an action of contract, on this statute*;

*Second.* In the same section, lines 13 and 14, by striking out the words "in an action for money laid out and expended";



*Third.* In the same section, lines 23 and 24, by striking out the words "for money laid out and expended" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *of contract, on this statute;*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

House bill, entitled

H. 128. An act to authorize the village of Newport to issue bonds;

Which had been called up by Mr. Prouty of Newport and under the rule placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Prouty of Newport asked and had leave to offer the following amendments:

*First.* In section 1, line 3, by striking out the compound word "sixty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *seventy-five;*

*Second.* In the same section, lines 10 and 11, by striking out the words "electric, telephone, telegraph and fire alarm" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *certain electric light;*

*Third.* In section 2, lines 1, 2, 3 and 4, by striking out the following: "The bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of such village and countersigned by the trustees thereof and if interest coupons are attached, they shall be signed by said treasurer", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *Said bonds shall be of such denominations, and be issued in such forms, and shall mature, serially or otherwise, not later than twenty-five years from their date, and bear such rate of interest not to exceed four per cent per annum payable semi-annually at such place either within or without the state, as shall be determined by the vote of the trustees of said village. Said bonds shall be executed by the trustees of said village and countersigned by the treasurer thereof, and the coupons thereto attached, if any, may be signed by the facsimile signature of the treasurer thereof affixed thereto;*

*Fourth.* In the same section, line 7, after the word "act" by inserting the words *and may contain the usual recitals in such bonds;*

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the bill was passed.



House bill, entitled

H. 216. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation;

Was taken up, read the second time and on motion of Mr. Puffer of Richford recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Esden, from the committee on mileage and debentures, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 16.) Joint resolution to provide for the per diem and mileage of Leslie H. Thornton;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House, read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Preston, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 25. An act relating to nonresident fishing licenses;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. McCray, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 122. An act to amend subdivision A of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 extending the open season for pickerel;

By Mr. Adams, from the same committee,

H. 141. An act to amend paragraph A of section 28 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 limiting the hours of taking black bass;

By Mr. Stiles, from the committee on state and court expenses,



H. 168. An act to amend section 2 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and by section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to salaries of inspectors in the department of weights and measures.

Mr. O'Neil from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 135. An act to amend section 48 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 182 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph the bill was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Danville, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 26. An act to amend section 10 of No. 7 of the Acts of 1915, providing for filling of vacancies in the office of United States senator;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate insists upon its first proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

And asks for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.



The President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Proctor,  
Eddy,  
Peck.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the fifth day of February he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 8. An act to amend paragraph 2 of section 3068 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 104 of the Acts of 1915, relating to divorce.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Campbell of Belvidere,

H. 237. An act to amend section 2637 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemption and foreclosure of personal property and providing that an adjustment of the amount due from the mortgagor to the mortgagee may be ascertained by a justice of the peace;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Austin of Reading,

H. 238. An act to accept the benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to provide for the promotion of vocational education;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Haynes of Orange, (by request),

H. 239. An act to amend section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children in manufacturing and mechanical establishments; decreasing the number of hours of employment;

To the committee on commerce and labor.



By Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester,

H. 240. An act to authorize the town of Colchester to issue bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Bentley of Sunderland,

H. 241. An act to appropriate a sum not to exceed three thousand dollars to assist in improving the highway leading from East Arlington in the town of Arlington to the town of Wardsboro;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Bates of Moretown,

H. 242. An act to amend section 4094 of the Public Statutes as amended and to repeal section 2 of No. 147 of the Acts of 1912 as amended; relating to red lights on automobiles;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Orcutt of Burke,

H. 243. An act to provide aid for indigent school teachers;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Osgood of Rutland Town, (by request),

H. 244. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 and to amend section 745 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of trust companies; deducting from taxation money loaned within the State at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent per annum;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Bundy of Manchester,

H. 245. An act relating to the placing of gasoline vending machines within the limits of a highway;

To the committee on municipal corporations.



By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

H. 246. An act to exempt from taxation the property of the Williamstown Grange, No. 81 of Williamstown;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

H. 247. An act to amend section 27 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 251 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans, permitting additional appropriations by the city council for school purposes;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act relating to the declaration of intention to marry;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Section 3033 of the Public Statutes (Sec. 3468 of the General Laws, as proposed) is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 3033. (Sec. 3468 G. L.) Persons authorized by the preceding section to solemnize marriage shall require of the parties, before solemnizing such marriage, a certificate issued from the office of the clerk of the town where the groom resides, or, if the groom is not a resident of the state, from the office of the clerk of the town where the bride resides, or, if she is not a resident of the state, from the office of the clerk of the town where the marriage is solemnized; the certificate so required shall afford full immunity from all responsibility on the part of a person authorized to solemnize marriage who performs the marriage ceremony between the parties named; provided, however, that if neither the bride nor the groom is a resident of the state, such certificate shall not be delivered by said clerk to said parties until after the lapse of five days from the date thereof, during which time there shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of said clerk the names of the bride and groom under the caption "Applicants for Marriage Licenses."*

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect March first, 1917.*



The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as proposed by the committee? Mr. Robinson of Jamaica moved that the bill be ordered to lie and be made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was disagreed to. (On a division: Yes 51, No, 135);

Whereupon, Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was disagreed to, and the bill was amended as recommended by the committee;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on claims, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 57. An act to pay Eleazor B. Baldwin the sum therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, lines 3 and 4, by striking out the words "one hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *fifty dollars*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Metzger, from the committee on education, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 12, after the word "by" by inserting the words *the superintendent or*;



*Second.* In the same section, line 14, after the word "child" by striking out the words "and school directors" and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,) and the words *superintendent and school directors*;

*Third.* In section 2, line 12, after the words "notify the" by inserting the words *superintendent or*;

*Fourth.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 3, as follows:

*Sec. 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to a city nor to a town having twenty-five or more schools;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 15. An act to expedite the trial of jury cases.

By Mr. Pollard, from the same committee,

S. 16. An act to enlarge the duty of county clerks in the calendar assignment of jury cases.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Stuart, from the committee on banking and insurance,

H. 54. An act to regulate the issuing of policies of fire insurance and the payment of losses thereunder.

By Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 56. An act relating to liens on motor vehicles.

By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 59. An act permitting the wounding or killing of **game** which may do or is doing damage on land of owner or occupant.



The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as proposed by the committee? Mr. Robinson of Jamaica moved that the bill be ordered to lie and be made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

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The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

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By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 59. An act permitting the wounding or killing of game which may do or is doing damage on land of owner or occupant.



By Mr. Moore, from the committee on claims,

H. 179. An act to pay Claude D. Graton the sum therein named.

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 182. An act to provide that cattle sold within the State shall be tested with tuberculin.

Mr. Carleton, from the committee on taxation, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 121. An act to amend section 555 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appraisal of improvements on realty;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Parker of West Rutland, the House adjourned.

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#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the seventh day of February he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 3. An act to authorize the town of Richford to issue bonds;

H. 27. An act to repeal a part of section 2 of No. 278 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the City of Rutland";

H. 31. An act relating to the election of town auditors;



H. 43. An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;

H. 90. An act to amend section 3310 of the Public Statutes, relating to neglect to furnish certificate of death;

H. 99. An act to settle the divisional line between the land of the State and the land of Thomas J. Heaphey.

(J. R. H. 14.) Joint resolution to empower the Senate and House committees on state institutions to visit the state school for feeble-minded at Brandon, and to provide for expenses of said committees.

And on February 5 he approved and signed the following joint resolution:

(J. H. R. 19.) Joint resolution to assure the President of the United States of the unqualified support of the State of Vermont in the present crisis.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, (by request),

H. 248. An act to pay P. J. Jerome the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. Hunt of Danville,

H. 249. An act to protect certain game birds on Joe's Pond;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, (by request),

H. 250. An act to pay E. C. Kingsbury the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.



By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 251. An act authorizing the Governor to draft men for service in the National Guard;

To the committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Gridley of Windsor,

H. 252. An act providing for an appropriation for the construction of as many committee rooms in the present State House and library annex as possible, and for other purposes;

To the committee on public buildings.

By Mr. Gill of Springfield,

H. 253. An act to pay George F. Leland the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 254. An act to amend section 5893 of the Public Statutes, relating to houses of ill-fame; including disorderly houses;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Gridley of Windsor,

H. 255. An act to appropriate a certain sum to be used in the restoration of the building known as the "Old Constitution House";

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 256. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes relating to the State geologist and curator of the State cabinet;

To the committee on conservation.



By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, (by request),

H. 257. An act to pay C. D. Caustic the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

By Mr. White of Panton,

H. 258. An act to amend section 2 and subdivision g of section 6 and to repeal paragraph 4 of subdivision b of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections; excluding the nomination of representative to the General Assembly by primary;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow, moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the first Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Moore of Ludlow,  
Prouty of Newport,  
Ruble of Berkshire.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 25. An act relating to non-resident fishing licenses;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 16.) Joint resolution to provide for the per diem and mileage of Leslie H. Thornton;

Was read the third time and adopted on the part of the House.



House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act relating to the declaration of intention to marry;

Was read the third time and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stearns of Burlington, the title of the bill was amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages.*

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 57. An act to pay Eleazor B. Baldwin the sum therein named;

H. 122. An act to amend subdivision A of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 extending the open season for pickerel;

H. 141. An act to amend paragraph A of section 28 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 limiting the hours of taking black bass;

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance;

H. 168. An act to amend section 2 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and by section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to salaries of inspectors in the department of weights and measures.

Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 59. An act to amend section 2 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the annual meeting of the board of registration of nurses;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.



House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. King, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 127. An act relating to fishing in Lake Iroquois, commonly called Hinesburg Pond and in Lake Groton, and Lund's Pond.

By Mr. Holbrook, from the same committee,

H. 171. An act to amend paragraph A of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by paragraph A of section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915 by including golden trout.

By Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health,

H. 176. An act to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health.

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 228. An act to amend section 4928 of the Public Statutes, relating to the standard of milk as paying basis: decreasing the per cent of butter fat.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 60. An act to amend section 338 of the Public Statutes, relating to the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairyman's Association and premiums awarded for exhibits;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, with a proposal of amendment,

In section 1, line 6, after the word "town" by inserting the words *or city*;

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 64. An act to amend section 5948 of the Public Statutes, relating to keeping of gambling implements;

Reported adversely to its passage and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Dwinell of Calais moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, lines 9, 10 and 11, by striking out the words "imprisoned in the state prison not less than one year or fined not less than two hundred dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *fined not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not less than ten days nor more than six months, or both;*

Which amendment was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Mott of Alburg, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow presiding.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 38. An act to amend section 5472 of the Public Statutes, relating to misbranded foods, requiring statement of net weight on packages;

S. 40. An act to amend section 1 of No. 197 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sale of opium, morphine and other narcotic drugs;

S. 47. An act to amend section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the report of the license vote, the certification of license commissioners and the labeling of liquors;



In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 89. An act to amend section 1 of No. 305 of the Acts of 1906, as amended by section 1 of No. 316 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fire district No. 1 of Wallingford;

H. 163. An act to amend section 2588 and to repeal section 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 75. An act to amend section 1 of No. 23 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the promotion of the poultry interests of Vermont;

And has rejected the same.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dillon of Duxbury,

H. 259. An act to amend paragraph F of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dogs killing deer;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Becker of Glastenbury,

H. 260. An act to compel the approval by the selectmen of certain orders drawn by town road commissioners before payment;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Hunt of Danville,

H. 261. An act to amend subdivision A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, as amended, relating to taking of ducks;

To the committee on fish and game.



By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 262. An act to regulate the issuance of municipal bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to taxpayers;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Fogg of Underhill,

H. 264. An act to amend paragraph B of section 3 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation and offsets;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Meech of Monkton,

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 121 of the Acts of 1908, relating to trade-marks;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans, making the office of lister an appointive office;

To the committee on municipal corporations.



By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 268. An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 11, 14 and 15 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, and section 6142 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 245 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties and salary of the Secretary of State; increasing salary of Secretary of State and relieving commissioner of taxes from duties as commissioner of foreign corporations;

To the committee on corporations and franchises and the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Aiken of Putney, (by request),

H. 269. An act to amend section 3044 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 108 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 102 of the Acts of 1915, relating to property rights of married women; including property held as tenant by the entirety;

To the committee on judiciary.

H. 270. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended, relating to the killing of tuberculous animals and payment therefor;

To the committee on agriculture.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 38. An act to amend section 5472 of the Public Statutes, relating to misbranded foods requiring statement of net weight on packages;

To the committee on public health.

S. 40. An act to amend section 1 of No. 197 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sale of opium, morphine and other narcotic drugs;

To the same committee.

S. 47. An act to amend section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the report of the license vote, the certification of license commissioners and the labeling of liquors;

To the committee on temperance.

On motion of Mr. Fogg of Underhill, the House adjourned.



By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 262. An act to regulate the issuance of municipal bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to taxpayers;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Fogg of Underhill,

H. 264. An act to amend paragraph B of section 3 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation and offsets;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Meech of Monkton,

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 121 of the Acts of 1908, relating to trade-marks;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans, making the office of lister an appointive office;

To the committee on municipal corporations.



By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 268. An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 11, 14 and 15 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, and section 6142 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 245 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties and salary of the Secretary of State; increasing salary of Secretary of State and relieving commissioner of taxes from duties as commissioner of foreign corporations;

To the committee on corporations and franchises and the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Aiken of Putney, (by request),

H. 269. An act to amend section 3044 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 108 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 102 of the Acts of 1915, relating to property rights of married women; including property held as tenant by the entirety;

To the committee on judiciary.

H. 270. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended, relating to the killing of tuberculous animals and payment therefor;

To the committee on agriculture.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 38. An act to amend section 5472 of the Public Statutes, relating to misbranded foods requiring statement of net weight on packages;

To the committee on public health.

S. 40. An act to amend section 1 of No. 197 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sale of opium, morphine and other narcotic drugs;

To the same committee.

S. 47. An act to amend section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the report of the license vote, the certification of license commissioners and the labeling of liquors;

To the committee on temperance.

On motion of Mr. Fogg of Underhill, the House adjourned.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1917.

The Speaker presiding.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. M. W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Farman prayed as follows:

Most Gracious Lord, we recognize Thee as the God of nations and the Father of men. We thank Thee for our country with its fast natural resources, its progressive people and its present prosperity. We thank Thee for our glorious history and our marvelous possibilities. We thank Thee for the precious legacy of American citizenship with its great principles of American liberty and American unity. Help us to realize that this legacy comes to us not by chance but is the product of the struggle and the suffering and the self-sacrifice of the centuries. Help us to realize that this precious legacy which came to us from the fathers is not by us to be wasted but is to be preserved and improved and by us passed on to those who shall come after us. May the fire of patriotism burn brightly upon the hearthstone of every home throwing out rays of light and heat which shall dispel the darkness of ignorance and the coldness of indifference, and cause intelligent love for Thee and for men and for country to be the dominant passion of our lives. To this end bless us in the discharge of the duties of this day and hear our prayer, we beseech Thee. Amen.

Mr. Puffer, from the committee on highways and bridges, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 271. An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways;

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:



By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 272. An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads: providing for the issuance of a certificate of necessity and public convenience by the public service commission;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 274. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 110 of the Acts of 1910 and by No. 119 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 116 of the Acts of 1915, relating to town officers: prohibiting the town treasurer from holding certain offices;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 275. An act to amend section 745 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 and amended by section 1 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of trust companies: including tax on securities;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Finnegan of Hyde Park,

H. 276. An act appropriating a sum of money to build and maintain a public water transportation terminal on Lake Champlain at Burlington, and creating a water terminal board;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. Pollard of Cavendish,

H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the public service commission: extending the authority of the commission



to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

Mr. Hicks, of Weathersfield, moved that the Senate be requested to return to the possession of the House, House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

Which was agreed to. (On a division: Yes 130, No 32).

Senate bill, entitled

S. 59. An act to amend section 2 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1910 relating to the annual meeting of the board of registration of nurses;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 60. An act to amend section 388 of the Public Statutes, relating to the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairyman's Association and premiums awarded for exhibits;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 64. An act to amend section 5948 of the Public Statutes, relating to keeping of gambling implements;

H. 127. An act relating to fishing in Lake Iroquois, commonly called Hinesburg Pond and in Lake Groton, and Lund's Pond;

H. 176. An act to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health;



H. 228. An act to amend section 4928 of the Public Statutes, relating to the standard of milk as paying basis: decreasing the per cent of butter fat.

House bill, entitled

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H. 171. An act to amend paragraph A of section 27, of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by paragraph A of section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915 by including golden trout;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Barrett of Cabot, the bill was recommitted to the committee.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed by the Senate to return to the custody of the House agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages.

Mr. Martin, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 63. An act to give the right of appeal from the probate court to the supreme court in certain cases;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Leonard, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

Reported in favor of its passage, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 5. An act to amend section 2652 of the Public Statutes, relating to lien on personal property for repairs, and providing an additional protection for the owner of such property;

Reported in favor of its passage with proposals of amendment,

*First.* In section 1, lines 5 and 6, by striking out the words "he resides" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *such lien accrues*;

*Second.* In section 2, line 4, after the word "within" by inserting the word *such*;

*Third.* In the same section, line 9, by striking out the word "issue" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *denial*;

The bill was read the second time, the proposals of amendment severally agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 79. An act to amend section 4029 of the Public Statutes, relating to liability of towns for damages on the highways.

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:



By Mr. Phelps, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 84. An act to amend section 3143 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of a minor.

By Mr. Bates, from the committee on claims,

H. 124. An act to pay William O. Sheldon the sum therein named.

By Mr. Ball, from the general committee,

H. 175. An act to amend section 4092 of the Public Statutes, relating to fines for violations of the laws regulating the operation of motor vehicles, providing a moiety for complainants.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled,

H. 98. An act to amend section 4189 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemption from attachment of lots in a burial ground and monuments thereon;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected;

Upon the question of rejection Mr. Pirie of Williamstown demanded the yeas and nays but the demand was not sustained.

Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it passed House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

And pending the question Will the House reconsider its vote? Mr. Beard of Waterville moved that the motion be ordered to lie and made a special order for this afternoon at two o'clock and five minutes;

Pending consideration of which motion Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved to amend the motion,

By striking out the words "this afternoon at two o'clock and five minutes" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes*;



Which motion was agreed to and the motion as made by Mr. Beard as amended was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLam of Ryegate, the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

S. 73. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemption from taxation;

S. 75. An act to amend section 4600 of the Public Statutes, relating to appeals from the public service commission;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 66. An act to repeal No. 199 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the granting of a bounty on black bears;

H. 112. An act to create the office of insurance commissioner and to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and Session Laws, relating to insurance commissioners and insurance expert;

H. 129. An act to amend section 6105 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 223 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment of moneys earned by prisoners;



H. 133. An act to secure the benefits of the federal aid road act;

H. 170. An act to provide for the delivery of a weight slip with coal;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 113. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sutton for the years 1915 and 1916;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the ninth day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 13. An act to amend section 2658 of the Public Statutes, relating to a lien on animals for keeping;

S. 23. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the use of the livestock commissioner in paying for tuberculous cattle;

S. 26. An act to repeal No. 11 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 13 of No. 42 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the compiling of statistical information;

S. 30. An act to amend section 2161 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 89 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions;

S. 50. An act to amend section 3409 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 116 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appointment of notaries public and their commissions.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:



By Mr. Wright of Coventry,

H. 278. An act to provide for the election of water commissioners by the town of Coventry;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

H. 279. An act to appropriate a sum of money to build a highway bridge between the towns of Alburg and Swanton;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Parker of Bradford,

H. 280. An act to authorize the village of Bradford to issue bonds;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Allbee of Townshend, (by request),

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Fogg of Underhill,

H. 282. An act to grant Dennis C. Finnegan permission to practice dental surgery;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Gridley of Windsor,

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

To the committee on appropriations.



**By Mr. Gridley of Windsor,**

**H. 285. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust in certain cases;**

**To the general committee.**

**Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:**

**S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;**

**To the committee on state institutions.**

**S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;**

**To the committee on commerce and labor.**

**S. 73. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemption from taxation;**

**To the committee on taxation.**

**S. 75. An act to amend section 4600 of the Public Statutes, relating to appeals from the public service commission;**

**To the committee on judiciary.**

**On motion of Mr. Matot of Poultney, the House adjourned.**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1917.**

**Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.**

**House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:**



By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 286. An act to extend the time within which the construction of railroads heretofore authorized may be commenced or finished;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier,

H. 288. An act to amend section 6210 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 6 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables, changing the mileage allowed for service of process to number of miles actually travelled by sheriff;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores;

To the committee on taxation.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 113. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sutton for the years 1915 and 1916;

By striking out section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Section 1. The provisions of No. 47 of the Acts of 1910 are hereby extended to the town of Sutton covering the grand list of said town for the years 1915 and 1916, respectively, provided that the proceedings in section one of such act directed to be held by the listers on or before the first day of February shall be held in such town on or before the first day of April, 1917; and that the provisions of sections four and fifteen of such act shall be*



*construed to apply to the grand list of such town for the respective years for which such grand lists are lodged; and that the proceedings in section thirteen of such directed to be had by the listers on or before the fifteenth day of February, shall be had in such town on or before the fifteenth day of April, 1917;*

Was considered and concurred in.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the ninth day of February, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 26. An act to amend Section 10 of No. 7 of the Acts of 1915, providing for filling of vacancies in the office of United States senator;

H. 130. An act levying a tax on the County of Bennington for the purpose of paying indebtedness;

H. 134. An act to amend section 3667 of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers.

Mr. Howland of Barre City called up House bill, entitled

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, Senate bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions.

I am also directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bill, entitled



H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the Governor be requested to return to the possession of the House, House bill, entitled

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;

Which was agreed to.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee;

Was read the third time and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 5. An act to amend section 2652 of the Public Statutes, relating to lien on personal property for repairs, and providing an additional protection for the owner of such property;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to return to the House, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 63. An act to give the right of appeal from the probate court to the supreme court in certain cases;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.



House bill, entitled

H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. O'Neil of North Hero the bill was ordered to lie.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 45. An act to amend section 2750 of the Public Statutes, relating to proving wills made without the State.

By Mr. LaFleur, from the same committee,

S. 64. An act to amend section 5529 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 221 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 223 of the Acts of 1912, relating to inquests.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that Senate bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;

Be withdrawn from the committee on state institutions and returned to the Senate agreeably to its request;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the House return to the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow;



By Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 177. An act to amend section 26 of the Public Statutes defining the word "person" in the construction of statutes so as to include partnerships and unincorporated associations.

By Mr. Gates, from the general committee,

H. 242. An act to amend section 4094 of the Public Statutes as amended and to repeal section 2 of No. 147 of the Acts of 1912 as amended; relating to red lights on automobiles.

By Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 254. An act to amend section 5893 of the Public Statutes, relating to houses of ill-fame; including disorderly houses.

Mr. Rood, from the special committee consisting of the members from Windsor County, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 187. An act to provide for repairs and alterations to the courthouse in Windsor;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Austin of Reading moved that the bill be amended,

By striking out the words and figures "September 1, 1917 and September 1, 1918" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures *October 10, 1917 and October 10, 1918*;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on taxation, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;

Reported in favor of its passage when further amended,

In section 1, line 6, by striking out the words "building is" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *buildings are*;



Which amendment was agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 22, by striking out the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *four*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment was agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 204. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 3, line 12, by striking out the word and figures "July 1, 1917" and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures *January 1, 1918*;

*Second.* By striking out section 15;

*Third.* By renumbering the sections to correspond;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Hunt of Danville moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:



By Mr. Phelps, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 52. An act to amend section 5810 of the Public Statutes, relating to cruelty to animals.

By Mr. Cudworth, from the same committee,

S. 55. An act relating to the acknowledgments of written instruments.

Mr. Hunt, from the special committee consisting of the members from Caledonia County, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 203. An act to authorize Caledonia County to raise a tax to defray the expenses of the Caledonia Fair-ground Association;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Steele, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 231. An act to amend section 2577 of the Public Statutes, relating to deeds; requiring a survey of lands conveyed;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Wilson of Bristol raised the question of no quorum;

The Speaker directed the roll to be called and there was found to be no quorum present.

The following named members were absent:

Aldrich  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beers,  
Belknap,\*  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,

Button,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chase,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dillon,  
Drake,  
Dunton,

Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Finney,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hayes,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Irish,  
Jennison,



Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Legate,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,

Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Ryan,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,

Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.

Mr. Noble of Tunbridge moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 51. An act to amend section 3670 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 122 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the support and burial of transient persons and prisoners, extending recovery by towns for expenses incident to confinement in jail on civil process;

S. 58. An act relating to the sealing and attestation of deeds and other written instruments;

S. 67. An act relating to fornication;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.



It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 10. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the support of the Soldiers' Home at Bennington;

H. 119. An act to amend section 1185 of the Public Statutes, relating to the rank of the faculty of Norwich University;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 74. An act to aid the town of Mount Tabor in building bridges;

And has passed the same in concurrence with a proposal of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 15) Joint resolution to provide for per diem and mileage of the Chaplains;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Sinclair of Essex,

H. 290. An act to amend and consolidate No. 120 of the Acts of 1892 and all amendments and additions thereto, relating to the village of Essex Junction;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Kimball of Bethel,

H. 291. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 283 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 282 of the Acts of 1912, relating to state aid for indigent veterans: providing aid for wives of indigent veterans;

To the committee on military affairs.



By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 292. An act to amend section 33 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to private corporations: providing for the attachment of stock and sale on execution;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Rood of Woodstock,

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 294. An act relating to the fraudulent concealment of causes of personal actions;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Reirden of Barton,

H. 295. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 167 of the Acts of 1894, relating to the electric lighting plant of the village of Barton, and to extend the powers of said village in respect thereto;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Pike of Stratton,

H. 296. An act levying a tax on the County of Windham for the purpose of paying indebtedness contracted in repairing the Windham County jail;

On motion of Mr. Pike of Stratton, referred to a special committee consisting of the members from Windham County.

By Mr. Richardson of Waitsfield,

H. 297. An act to amend section 4517 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 144 of the Acts of 1915, relating to loitering in railroad stations and telephone offices;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.



By Mr. Moore of Plymouth,

H. 298. An act to amend No. 144 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 185 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the bounty on bob-cats;

To the committee on fish and game.

H. 299. An act to repeal No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals;

To the committee on taxation.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred to the committee on judiciary:

S. 51. An act to amend section 3670 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 122 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the support and burial of transient persons and prisoners, extending recovery by towns for expenses incident to confinement in jail on civil process;

S. 58. An act relating to the sealing and attestation of deeds and other written instruments;

S. 67. An act relating to fornication.

House bill, entitled

H. 231. An act to amend section 2577 of the Public Statutes, relating to deeds; requiring a survey of lands conveyed;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

House bill, entitled

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

Which had been called up by Mr. Howland of Barre City and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Howland of Barre City moved to amend,



In section 1, line 18, before the word "any" by inserting the words *electric, gas or water meters or*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 45. An act to amend section 2750 of the Public Statutes, relating to proving wills made without the State;

S. 64. An act to amend section 5529 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 221 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 223 of the Acts of 1912, relating to inquests;

House bill, entitled

H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Moore of Ludlow asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 17, by striking out the word "one" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *two*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 177. An act to amend section 26 of the Public Statutes defining the word "person" in the construction of statutes so as to include partnerships and unincorporated associations;

H. 187. An act to provide for repairs and alterations to the courthouse in Windsor County;

H. 242. An act to amend section 4094 of the Public Statutes as amended and to repeal section 2 of No. 147 of the Acts of 1912 as amended; relating to red lights on automobiles;



H. 254. An act to amend section 5893 of the Public Statutes, relating to houses of ill-fame; including disorderly houses.

House bill, entitled

H. 204. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;

Was read the third time and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative (On a division: Yes 45, No 89).

On motion of Mr. Bryant of Lincoln, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fogg of Underhill,

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane;

To the committee on public health and the committee on state institutions.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol,

H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls;

To the same committee.



By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 303. An act to amend section 2690 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 96 of the Acts of 1910, relating to legal holidays;

To the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol,

H. 304. An act relative to the registration of persons, firms and corporations designing to install wires or apparatus for electric light, heat or power purposes;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 74. An act to aid the town of Mount Tabor in building bridges;

In section 2, line 4, after the word "expended" by inserting the words *under this act*;

Was considered and concurred in.

House bill, entitled

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ranney, for a majority of the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 107. An act to establish a nine-hour day in mills, factories and manufacturing establishments;

Reported that the bill ought to be rejected, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved to amend,

By striking out section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:



*Section 1. In the absence of a contract between employer and employee regulating the hours of labor in mills, shops, and factories, fifty-five hours shall be a legal week's work, provided, however, that this act shall not apply to the hours of employment of women, and children under the age of sixteen years;*

Pending consideration of which amendment, Mr. Moore further moved that the bill with pending amendment be ordered to lie and made a special order for Friday next at two o'clock and ten minutes;

Whereupon, Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved to amend the motion,

By striking out the word "Friday" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *Thursday*;

Which motion was agreed to, and the motion as made by Mr. Moore as amended was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 271. An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways;

Was taken up, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it passed House bill, entitled

H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

Which was agreed to, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Pirie moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it amended the bill as moved by Mr. Moore of Ludlow;

Which was agreed to, and pending the recurring question, Will the House amend the bill as moved by Mr. Moore? On motion of Mr. Fenton of Rutland City the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and thirty minutes. (On a division: Yes 118, No 60).



Mr. Mott of Alburg called up House bill, entitled

H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

And the bill was, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 71. An act to establish a board of geographic names;

S. 77. An act to provide for the recording of certain orders of the public service commission;

S. 86. An act to restrict and fix the age of minors for marriage, and in amendment of section 3300 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 114 of the Acts of 1912;

S. 94. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917" approved January 18, 1917;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 91. An act to prohibit the sale of certain drugs or commodities containing methyl or wood alcohol;

H. 126. An act to amend section 3649 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual fire district meetings;



H. 172. An act to enable the town of Morristown to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money to build a new schoolhouse and acquiring land for the same;

H. 181. An act to amend section 4153 of the Public Statutes, relating to cemeteries, providing for repairs by selectmen;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 71. An act to establish a board of geographic names;

To the general committee.

S. 77. An act to provide for the recording of certain orders of the public service commission;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

S. 86. An act to restrict and fix the age of minors for marriage and in amendment of section 3300 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 114 of the Acts of 1912;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 94. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917" approved January 18, 1917;

To the same committee.

House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes relating to the solemnization of marriages;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question recurring, Will the House reconsider its vote whereby it passed the bill? It was decided in the affirmative;

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas 147, Nays 64.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Aiken of Putney, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Albee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Bundy,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Demick,  
Dillon,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,

Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Fogg,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,

Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Root,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Seaver,  
Smalley,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Austin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bryant,  
Button,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Clift,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dunbar,

Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Finnegan,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Foley,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Hemingway,  
Hight,  
Hooper,  
Howe,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kingsbury,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Martin of Winhall,

Matot,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Brien,  
Orcutt,  
Pirie,  
Ranney,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stoddard,  
Walker,  
White,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry



Those members absent and not voting were Messrs.:

Archer,  
Bentley,  
Briggs,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cook,  
Dalrymple,  
Finney,  
Hinds,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Lynaugh,

McCray,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Dowd,  
Osgood of Rutland Town,  
Parsons,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Potter,  
Rawson,  
Roys,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Walter,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Young.

House bill, entitled

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Gridley of Windsor moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 4, by striking out the word 'fifteen' and inserting in lieu thereof the word *eight*;

Which amendment was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Mott of Alburg moved that the bill be further amended,

In the same section, line 3, by striking out the words 'three thousand' and inserting in lieu thereof the words *fifteen hundred*;

Which amendment was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 74, No 112), and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of West Fairlee, the House adjourned.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to return to the House Senate bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of State institutions;

Which the House returned to the custody of the Senate agreeably to its request.

Mr. Prouty of Newport offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 21.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That we learn with deep regret of the death of Dr. Henry Dwight Holton, of Brattleboro, a native Vermonter, who won a national reputation in the medical world, an able executive, and always a wholesome influence in politics.

We recall his devotion to the cause of public health, his foresight in founding our State Board of Health, and his unceasing labors as a member of that board, his record as a student of medicine which won for him a place in the medical societies of this and many foreign countries, his work in behalf of civic betterment which made him a valued member of the General Assembly, and all those sturdy qualities which characterized Henry Dwight Holton as a thinker, worker and lover of mankind.

*Be it further Resolved:* That a duly certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the State Board of Health and to the members of Dr. Holton's family.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;

H. 271. An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways.



Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Amidon, from the general committee,

S. 3. An act to prohibit the exhibition of obscene and immoral moving pictures and shows;

By Mr. Pike, from the committee on educational institutions,

S. 42. An act to amend section 2 of No. 83 of the Acts of 1865, entitled "An Act to incorporate the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College";

By Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 58. An act relating to the sealing and attestation of deeds and other written instruments;

By Mr. Fenton, from the same committee,

S. 75. An act to amend section 4600 of the Public Statutes, relating to appeals from the public service commission;

By Mr. Pollard, from the same committee,

S. 94. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917" approved January 18, 1917;

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 192. An act to legalize appropriations by towns and cities for dependent members of the National Guard in Federal service;



By Mr. Parker, from the same committee,

H. 200. An act to require town clerks to report municipal exemptions;

By Mr. Sinclair, from the same committee,

H. 202. An act to amend section 6 of No. 210 of the Acts of 1880, as amended by section 4 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, and section 5 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, incorporating the village of Lyndonville;

By Mr. Hall, from the same committee,

H. 210. An act to authorize the village of Winooski to refund outstanding sewer bonds;

By Mr. Fitzgerald, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the public service commission; extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public;

By Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 294. An act relating to the fraudulent concealment of causes for personal actions;

Mr. Barrett, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment,

In section 1, line 14, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *seventy-five*;

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment agreed to, and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Prouty, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 190. An act to establish the militia;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 16, line 8, by inserting a comma (,) at the end of the line after the word "discharges";

*Second.* In section 18, line 8, by striking out the word "returns" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *return*;

*Third.* In section 27, line 4, by striking out the comma (,) after the word "regulations";

*Fourth.* In section 30, line 4, by striking out the word "Vermont";

*Fifth.* In section 32, line 4, by striking out the word "Vermont";

*Sixth.* In section 40, line 6, after the word "of" by inserting the word *such*;

*Seventh.* In section 51, line 1, by striking out the word "Vermont";

*Eighth.* In section 53, line 7, by striking out the word "each" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *such*;

*Ninth.* In the same section, by adding thereto the following: *Enlisted men of the militia, National Guard and volunteers in the service of the United States shall be paid by the State the sum of ten dollars each per month, in addition to the pay which they shall receive from the Federal Government, provided that the period for which such state pay shall be allowed shall not exceed one year. The governor, the state treasurer and the adjutant general are hereby authorized to make such provision for the support of the dependent wives, children and widowed mothers of enlisted men of the militia, National Guard and volunteers, in Federal service, as, in the discretion of the governor, state treasurer and adjutant general, seems necessary and just, under such regulations as they shall prescribe, provided that the amount so expended shall not exceed thirty-five dollars a month for the dependants of any one soldier, and provided further that no person shall receive the benefits of this act as the dependant of more than one soldier. The state*



*treasurer is hereby authorized, upon approval of the governor, to pledge the credit of the State for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to carry out the provisions of this section.*

*Tenth.* In section 54, lines 4, 5 and 6, by striking out the words "or without providing some able-bodied and proper substitute at such time and place."

Which amendments were severally agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Prouty of Newport moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for this afternoon at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 94, No, 97), and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the fourteenth day of February he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 15.) Joint resolution to provide for per diem and mileage of the Chaplains;

H. 10.' An act to appropriate a certain sum for the support of the Soldiers' Home at Bennington;

H. 66. An act to repeal No. 199 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the granting of a bounty on black bears;

H. 91. An act to prohibit the sale of certain drugs or commodities containing methyl or wood alcohol;



H. 112. An act to create the office of insurance commissioner and to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and Session Laws, relating to insurance commissioners and insurance expert;

H. 113. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sutton for the years 1915 and 1916;

H. 119. An act to amend section 1185 of the Public Statutes, relating to the rank of the faculty of Norwich University;

H. 126. An act to amend section 3649 of the Public Statutes, relating to the time of holding annual fire district meetings;

H. 129. An act to amend section 6105 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 223 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment of moneys earned by prisoners;

H. 133. An act to secure the benefits of the Federal Aid Road Act;

H. 170. An act to provide for the delivery of a weight slip with coal;

H. 172. An act to enable the town of Morristown to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money to build a new schoolhouse and acquiring land for the same;

H. 181. An act to amend section 4153 of the Public Statutes, relating to cemeteries, providing for repairs by selectmen;

H. 74. An act to aid the town of Mount Tabor in building bridges;

H. 89. An act to amend section 1 of No. 305 of the Acts of 1906, as amended by section 1 of No. 316 of the Acts of 1915, relating to Fire District No. 1 of Wallingford;

H. 163. An act to amend section 2588 and to repeal section 2589 of the Public Statutes, relating to the record of conveyances of an interest in mines and quarries.

Mr. Deyette from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 220. An act to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Brighton for the year 1914 and the grand lists thereof for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. The provisions of No. 47 of the Acts of 1910 are hereby extended to the town of Brighton, covering the grand list of said town for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, respectively, provided that the proceedings in section one of such act directed to be had by the listers on or before the first day of February shall be had in such town on or before the first day of April, 1917; and that the provisions of sections four and fifteen of such act shall be construed to apply to the grand list of such town for the respective years for which such grand lists are lodged; and that the proceedings in section thirteen of such act directed to be had by the listers on or before the fifteenth day of February, shall be had in such town on or before the fifteenth day of April, 1915; and further provided that the quadrennial appraisal of such town for the year 1914 shall become legal and valid when corrected and amended on or before the first day of April, 1917, as provided in such act.*

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on ways and means. to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 223. An act to amend section 6218 of the Public Statutes, relating to the fee for granting letters testamentary or letters of administration;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. The twenty-third paragraph of section 6218 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*For the distribution or division of each estate by decree of court, two dollars; by committee appointed by the court, three dollars. If the estate amounts to ten thousand dollars in value, ten dollars in addition shall be paid, if the estate exceeds ten*



*thousand dollars in value, twenty dollars shall be paid for each additional ten thousand dollars or larger fraction thereof in value of such estate;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment was agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be further amended,

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2 as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

Which had been called up by Mr. Mott of Alburg and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Adams, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 76. An act to amend paragraph A of section 16 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 3 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

By Mr. Dwinell, from the committee on education,

H. 103. An act to amend sections 34 and 35 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to appointment of superintendents of school unions;

By Mr. King, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 150. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, increasing the number of tended lines which may be used in Lake Champlain;



By Mr. Miller, from the committee on taxation,

H. 246. An act to exempt from taxation the property of the Williamstown Grange, No. 81, of Williamstown;

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 270. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended, relating to the killing of tuberculous animals and payment therefor;

House bill, entitled

H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the recurring question, Will the House amend the bill as moved by Mr. Moore of Ludlow (see page 219)? Mr. Deyette of Benson moved to substitute the following amendment for the amendment offered by Mr. Moore:

In section 1, line 17, by striking out the words "one thousand dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *not less than one thousand nor more than two thousand dollars*;

Whereupon, Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that the consideration of the bill and pending motions be postponed indefinitely;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Will the House agree to the motion as made by Mr. Deyette? It was decided in the affirmative, and the bill was amended in accordance with the amendment substituted on the motion of Mr. Deyette;

Whereupon, Mr. Waite of Shoreham asked and had leave to offer the following amendment:

In section 1, line 22, by striking out the words "five hundred dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *in towns of less than fifteen hundred inhabitants the fee shall be two hundred and fifty dollars; in towns of more than fifteen hundred inhabitants and less than three thousand inhabitants the fee shall be three hundred and fifty dollars; in towns of more than three thousand inhabitants the fee shall be four hundred dollars*;



Which amendment was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 65, No 122).

And the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of State institutions;

Which had been returned by the Senate to the possession of the House, was re-referred to the committee on State institutions;

Mr. Candon of Pittsford moved that House bill, entitled

H. 50. An act relating to the killing of dogs;

Be withdrawn from the committee on agriculture and referred to the general committee;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parker of West Rutland, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has again considered House bill, entitled

H. 9. An act to amend sections 615 and 6266 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;

And has refused to pass the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles:



S. 5. An act to amend section 2652 of the Public Statutes, relating to lien on personal property for repairs and providing an additional protection for the owner of such property.

S. 60. An act to amend section 338 of the Public Statutes, relating to the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairyman's Association and premiums awarded for exhibits.

And has severally concurred therein.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 305. An act relating to the taking of deer doing damage, and to appeals from appraisals therefor;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Howe of Brookline,

H. 306. An act relating to the control and management of selected highways;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Wilson of Chelsea,

H. 307. An act to enable the proprietors and pew owners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chelsea to make repairs to said church and remove and rearrange pews therein;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 308. An act to enable the town of Bennington to refund its bonded indebtedness falling due July 1, 1917;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Waite of Shoreham,

H. 309. An act to amend sections 1261, 1367, 1792, 1804, 1807 and 1812 of the Public Statutes, relating to the



trial of causes in county court and the court of chancery abolishing the appointment of masters, auditors, referees in chancery hearings;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington,

H. 310. An act to repeal sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 180 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the sale of oleomargarine;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 311. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 226 of the Public Statutes, relating to standards of purity for food products;

To the committee on public health.

By Mr. Carlton of Canaan,

H. 312. An act to change the name of Leach Pond to Forest Lake;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Parker of Bradford,

H. 313. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 152 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the weight of motor vehicles;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Carlton of Canaan,

H. 314. An act relating to the open season for fishing in Forest Lake or Leach Pond;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier,

H. 315. An act to appropriate a sum therein named for the purpose of relocating and building a piece of state road in the town of East Montpelier;

To the committee on appropriations.



By Mr. Dunbar of Hartland,

H. 316. An act relating to tuberculous animals;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 317. An act relating to repairing, building or rebuilding bridges;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes,

H. 318. An act to appropriate a certain sum to build a dormitory at the Vermont Industrial School;

To the committee on state institutions.

By Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte,

H. 319. An act to provide for warning signs at draw-bridges;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on taxation, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned, written or endorsed at an indeterminate conditional rate;

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Adams of Westford offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 9.) Whereas, the shadows have again fallen across the pathway of life and another noble servant of the State, the Rev. M. W. Farman, the blind Chaplain of the Senate, who has so served for fifteen years as to endear himself to all these successive legislatures and to the State, has been suddenly called to his crowning:

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:*  
That his faithful service to the State is hereby recognized



and that as a further expression of respect and esteem the House do adjourn at eleven o'clock this morning and that the Clerk be directed to inscribe a copy of these resolutions upon the records;

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the exhibition of obscene and immoral moving pictures and shows;

S. 42. An act to amend section 2 of No. 83 of the Acts 1865, entitled "An Act to incorporate the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College";

S. 58. An act relating to the sealing and attestation of deeds and other written instruments;

S. 75. An act to amend section 4600 of the Public Statutes, relating to appeals from the public service commission;

S. 94. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917" approved January 18, 1917;

Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence, with a proposal of amendment,

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 190. An act to establish the militia;

H. 192. An act to legalize appropriations by towns and cities for dependents of members of the National Guard in federal service;



H. 200. An act to require town clerks to report municipal exemptions;

H. 202. An act to amend section 6 of No. 210 of the Acts of 1880, as amended by section 4 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, and section 5 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, incorporating the village of Lyndonville;

H. 210. An act to authorize the village of Winooski to refund outstanding sewer bonds;

H. 220. An act to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Brighton for the year 1914 and the grand lists thereof for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the public service commission; extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public;

H. 294. An act relating to the fraudulent concealment of causes for personal action;

House bill, entitled

H. 223. An act to amend section 6218 of the Public Statutes, relating to the fee for granting letters testamentary or letters of administration;

Was read the third time and passed;

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry the title of the bill was amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 6218 of the Public Statutes relating to fee upon distribution of estates.*

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Waite, from the committee on public health,

S. 38. An act to amend section 5472 of the Public Statutes, relating to misbranded foods requiring statement of net weight on packages;



By Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance,

S. 47. An act to amend section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the report of the license vote, the certification of license commissioners and the labeling of liquors;

By Mr. Hall, from the committee on public health,

S. 49. An act to provide for clean, sanitary, and healthful food establishments;

At eleven o'clock in accordance with the resolution heretofore adopted, the Speaker declared the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 321. An act relating to the building of a bridge across the Missisquoi River at Richford;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Taylor of Derby,

H. 322. An act to repeal and amend certain sections of No. 188 of the Acts of 1898: abolishing the highway district of Derby Center;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Sinclair of Essex,

H. 323. An act to repeal No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the direct primary and providing for a referendum;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.



By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 324. An act to permit the public service commission to order the extension of the tracks of the Berkshire Street Railway Company in the village of Bennington;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

House bill, entitled

H. 107. An act to establish a nine-hour day in mills, factories and manufacturing establishments;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as moved by Mr. Moore of Ludlow? (See page 221) Mr. Moore asked and had leave to strike out from his proposed amendment the word "shops";

And the question recurring, Shall the bill be amended as moved by Mr. Moore? It was decided in the affirmative;

Pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Bliss of Georgia moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was disagreed to;

Yeas, 107, Nays, 113.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Moore of Ludlow, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Atwood,  
Ayer,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Cannon,  
Chamberlin,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Clift,  
Cudworth,

Daltymple,  
Dana,  
Demick,  
Dike,  
Dillon,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway

Hill,  
Howe,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
King,  
Leach,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Neil,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips



Pike of Stowe,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Jamaica,

Root,  
Ruble,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stedman,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,

Tenney.  
Tuttle,  
Walker,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cummings,

Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Esden,  
Finnegan,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Matot,  
Miles,

Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Mott,  
O'Brien,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parsons,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Rawson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
West,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster.

Those members absent and not voting were Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Archer,  
Bundy,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hicks,  
Hight,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,



Legate,  
 Lynaugh,  
 McCray,  
 Metzger,  
 Moore of Pomfret,  
 O'Dowd,  
 Orcutt,  
 Osgood of Rutland,  
 Seaver,  
 Shepard,  
 Stanton,  
 Walter,  
 Whitford.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill be rejected?  
 It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 118. Nays, 103.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Moore of Ludlow, sustained by a constitutional number were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
 Amidon,  
 Atwood,  
 Ayer,  
 Bailey,  
 Ball of Newark,  
 Barber,  
 Barrett,  
 Bates,  
 Belknap,  
 Bell,  
 Bellows of Cambridge,  
 Bliss,  
 Bond,  
 Buck,  
 Bucklin,  
 Button,  
 Buxton,  
 Campbell of Sutton,  
 Cannon,  
 Chamberlin,  
 Chase,  
 Cheney,  
 Cook,  
 Cox,  
 Cudworth,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Dana,  
 Demick,  
 Dike,  
 Dillon,  
 Dunbar,  
 Dunn,  
 Dwinell,  
 Eaton,  
 Fenton,  
 Field,  
 Finnegan,  
 Finney.

Flint,  
 Fullam,  
 Gates,  
 Gray,  
 Gridley,  
 Hale,  
 Hall of Isle La Motte,  
 Hayden,  
 Hemenway,  
 Hemingway,  
 Hill,  
 Howe,  
 Howland,  
 Hutchinson,  
 Jennison,  
 Johnson of Huntington,  
 Johnson of Wardsboro,  
 King,  
 Leach,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Martin of Winhall,  
 Meech,  
 Merrifield,  
 Metzger,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Miller of Westminster,  
 Noble,  
 Noonan,  
 O'Neil,  
 Orcutt,  
 Osgood of Rockingham,  
 Parker of Bradford,  
 Parker of Lowell,  
 Parker of W. Rutland,  
 Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Perkins of Waterbury,  
 Perrin,  
 Phillips,  
 Pike of Stowe,

Porter,  
 Potter,  
 Preston,  
 Prouty,  
 Puffer,  
 Ralph,  
 Ranney,  
 Rawson,  
 Reirden,  
 Richardson,  
 Ricker,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Root,  
 Rublee,  
 Seaver,  
 Sergeant,  
 Shanley,  
 Sinclair,  
 Smith of St. Albans City,  
 Spalding,  
 Stedman,  
 Stuart,  
 Sweeney,  
 Taggart,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,  
 Taylor of Tinmouth,  
 Tenney,  
 Tuttle,  
 Waite of Weston,  
 Walker,  
 Webster,  
 Wellinger,  
 Wheeler,  
 White,  
 Williams of Pawlet,  
 Williams of Proctor,  
 Wilson of Pownal,  
 Wright of Coventry,  
 Wright of Waltham,  
 Young.



Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Austin,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Burroughs,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,

Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Esden,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Matot,

Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Mott,  
O'Brien,  
O'Sullivan,  
Parsons,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Warren,  
West,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster.

Those members absent and not voting were Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Archer,  
Bundy,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hicks,  
Hight,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Legate,  
Lynaugh,  
McCray,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Dowd,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Shepard,  
Stanton,  
Walter,  
Whitford.



Mr. Brooks, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual license taxes;

Reported in favor of its passage, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Smith of St. Albans City the bill was ordered to lie.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Irish, from the committee on temperance,

H. 165. An act to amend section 5153 of the Public Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor;

By Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896 as amended, relating to the charter of the city of St. Albans: making the office of lister an appointive office;

Mr. Puffer, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 216. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation;

Reported in favor of its passage and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Steele, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Steele of Highgate it was ordered to lie.



Mr. Adams, from the committee on fish and game, to which has been referred House bill, entitled

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 2, by striking out the word "and" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *or*;

*Second.* In the same section, same line, after the word "otter" by inserting the words *in Rutland County*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, whereupon Mr. Miner of Sherburne moved to further amend,

In section 1, line 1, by striking out the word "mink";

Which was disagreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Preston, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 171. An act to amend paragraph A of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by paragraph A of section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915 by including golden trout;

Reported in favor of its passage when further amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 7, by striking out the word "and" and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,);

*Second.* In the same section, same line, after the word "trout" by inserting the words *not less than twelve inches in length and*;

Which amendments were severally agreed to, and the bill was passed.

Mr. Dunbar, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 214. An act to amend subdivision (a) of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to petitions in primary elections;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. A person who makes a false petition of nomination shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 36. An act to make uniform the law of sales of goods;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Gill, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 12. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges;

By Mr. Parker, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 212. An act to amend section 621 of the Public Statutes, relating to warrants against delinquent taxpayers, omitting provision as to four per cent heretofore allowed for payment of taxes within ninety days;

By Mr. Haynes, from the committee on suffrage and elections,

H. 258. An act to amend section 2 and subdivision G of section 6 and to repeal paragraph 4 of subdivision B of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections: excluding the nomination of representative to the General Assembly;



By Mr. Kelly, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 260. An act to compel the approval by the selectmen of certain orders drawn by town road commissioners before payment;

Mr. Kelly, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 224. An act to amend section 666 of the Public Statutes, relating to the delivery of tax bills;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Sweeney of Brighton the bill was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Plainfield, the House adjourned.

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#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 88. An act to amend section 3215 of the Public Statutes, relating to the ordering of property into possession of a nonresident guardian;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 57. An act to pay Eleazor B. Baldwin the sum therein named;

H. 64. An act to amend section 5948 of the Public Statutes, relating to keeping of gambling implements;



H. 69. An act to amend sections 4 and 5 and subdivision 1 of section 10 of No. 234 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Concord";

H. 72. An act to amend the charter of Swanton Village, relating to its power plant at Highgate Falls and to the issuing of bonds;

H. 77. An act to create the office of commissioner of industries and to amend and repeal certain sections, relating to the industrial accident board and factory inspector;

H. 128. An act to authorize the Village of Newport to issue bonds;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 122. An act to amend subdivision "A" of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 extending the open season for pickerel;

And has passed the same in concurrence with a proposal of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolutions from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee;

(J. R. H. 21.) Joint resolution relating to the death Dr. Henry Dwight Holton;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the fourteenth day of February he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 25. An act relating to nonresident fishing licenses.



And on the fifteenth day of February, he approved and signed the following bill:

S. 94. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the election of superior judges in the year 1917" approved January 18, 1917.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury,

H. 325. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the codification and amendment of the fish and game laws: permitting fishing in Lake Dunmore;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Dunton of Sheffield,

H. 327. An act to provide for the issuing of duplicate fishing and hunting licenses;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Smalley of Morristown,

H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefor;

To the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 88. An act to amend section 3215 of the Public Statutes, relating to the ordering of property into possession of a nonresident guardian;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 122. An act to amend subdivision A of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 extending the open season for pickerel;

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage;*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 38. An act to amend section 5472 of the Public Statutes, relating to misbranded foods requiring statement of net weight on packages.

S. 47. An act to amend section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the report of the license vote, the certification of license commissioners and the labeling of liquors;

S. 49. An act to provide for clean, sanitary, and healthful food establishments;

House bill, entitled

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Dwinell of Calais the bill was ordered to lie.

House bill, entitled

H. 165. An act to amend section 5153 of the Public Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor;



Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative. (On a division. Yes, 50, No, 125)

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 214. An act to amend subdivision (a) of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to petitions in primary elections;

H. 216. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation;

H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896 as amended, relating to the charter of the city of St. Albans: making the office of lister an appointive office;

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Deyette, from the general committee,

S. 71. An act to establish a board of geographic names;

By Mr. Beard, from the committee on taxation,

S. 73. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemption from taxation;

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Dunham, from the committee on conservation,

H. 140. An act to amend section 3 of No. 11 of the Acts of 1908, creating a board of agriculture and forestry;



By Mr. Bellows of Swanton, from the committee on claims,

H. 194. An act to pay the town of Lunenburg the sum therein named;

By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 230. An act to amend section 3623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1912, relating to appropriations for musical entertainments and visiting nurse, limiting the amount appropriated therefor;

By Mr. Bates, from the committee on claims,

H. 253. An act to pay George F. Leland the sum therein named;

By Mr. Ball, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 278. An act to provide for the election of water commissioners by the town of Coventry;

By Mr. Sinclair, from the same committee,

H. 280. An act to authorize the village of Bradford to issue bonds;

By Mr. Prouty, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 286. An act to extend the time within which the construction of railroads heretofore authorized may be commenced or finished;

By Mr. Pike, from the special committee consisting of the members from Windham County,

H. 296. An act levying a tax on the county of Windham for the purpose of paying indebtedness contracted in repairing the Windham County jail;

Mr. Eaton, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry it was ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Westford, the House adjourned.

After adjournment at eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes funeral services for the Rev. Marcellus W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate, were held in the Hall of the House. Prayer was offered by the Rev. James H. Wills, Chaplain of the House, and the funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Frazer Metzger, the member from Randolph.

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#### AFTERNOON

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 74. An act relating to the report of the public service commission to the General Assembly;

S. 76. An act relating to the powers of life insurance companies chartered in this State;

S. 96. An act relating to the qualifications of officials taking acknowledgments;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 177. An act to amend section 26 of the Public Statutes, defining the word "person" in the construction of statutes so as to include partnerships and unincorporated associations;

And has passed the same in concurrence.



The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 95. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a state highway tax;

H. 118. An act to protect wild bees and honey;

H. 148. An act relating to the drinking of intoxicating liquor by a passenger on a common carrier;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 47. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads;

And has rejected it.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 74. An act relating to the report of the public service commission to the General Assembly;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

S. 76. An act relating to the powers of life insurance companies chartered in this State;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

S. 96. An act relating to the qualifications of officials taking acknowledgments;

To the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 8, by striking out the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *two*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. O'Neil, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 136. An act to amend paragraph B of section 16 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to traps and spring guns and compelling the owner to distinctly mark his traps;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 12, by striking out the word "name" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *initials*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Rublee of Berkshire moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was disagreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Porter of Sharon moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, line 10, by striking out the compound word "forty-eight" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *twenty-four*;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes, 73, No, 100), and the question recurring, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 274. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 110 of the Acts of 1910 and by No. 119 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 116 of the Acts of 1915, relating to town officers; prohibiting the town treasurer from holding certain offices;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 16, by striking out the words "town clerk";

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 49, by striking out the word "tort" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *contract on this statute*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned, written or endorsed at an indeterminate conditional rate;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Reirden of Barton the bill was ordered to lie.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Bailey, from the general committee,

H. 205. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, providing for an annual census of the maple sugar crop and of certain domestic animals;

By Mr. Parker, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 213. An act to require the chairman of the board of selectmen to furnish a bond if the town so votes at its annual meeting;



By Mr. Dalrymple, from the same committee,

H. 215. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 110 of the Acts of 1910, No 119 of the Acts of 1912 and No. 116 of the Acts of 1915, providing that in towns not having more than fifty legal voters a selectman may also be a lister.

By Mr. Whitney, from the committee on taxation,

H. 229. An act to amend paragraph (b) of section 2 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to offsets for debts owing;

By Mr. Chase, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 245. An act relating to the placing of gasoline vending machines within the limits of a highway;

By Mr. Dwinell, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 261. An act to amend subdivision A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, as amended, relating to the taking of ducks;

By Mr. Whitney, from the committee on taxation,

H. 264. An act to amend paragraph B of section 3 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation and offsets;

Mr. Howland of Barre City called up House bill, entitled

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

And the bill was, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Parker of West Rutland, the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the chaplain.

Mr. Barrett of Cabot moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it rejected House bill, entitled



H. 205. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, providing for an annual census of the maple sugar crop and of certain domestic animals;

Which was disagreed to.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Candon, of Pittsford, (by request),

H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Pike of Stowe,

H. 330. An act to enable the town of Stowe to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money with which to repair, make additions to and equip the schoolhouse in the village of Stowe;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Kelly of Dorset,

H. 331. An act to aid the town of Dorset in repairing a certain highway;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Metzger of Randolph,

H. 332. An act to amend No. 195 of the Acts of 1876 as amended by No. 95 of the Acts of 1890, relating to the charter of the village of West Randolph;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Gill of Springfield,

H. 333. An act to provide for licensing dealers in junk;

To the committee on judiciary.



By Mr. O'Sullivan, of Colchester, (by request),

H. 334. An act to amend section 5125 of the Public Statutes, relating to the number of licenses in a town, and granting preference to hotels of twenty furnished bedrooms;

To the committee on temperance.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on taxation, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 335. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions from taxation;

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 71. An act to establish a board of geographic names;

S. 73. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemption from taxation.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915 increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;

H. 140. An act to amend section 3 of No. 11 of the Acts of 1908, creating a board of agriculture and forestry;

H. 194. An act to pay the town of Lunenburg the sum therein named;

H. 230. An act to amend section 3623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1912, relating to appropriations for musical entertainments and visiting nurse, limiting the amount appropriated therefor;

H. 253. An act to pay George F. Leland the sum therein named;



H. 274. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 110 of the Acts of 1910 and by No. 119 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 116 of the Acts of 1915, relating to town officers; prohibiting the town treasurer from holding certain offices;

H. 278. An act to provide for the election of water commissioners by the town of Coventry;

H. 280. An act to authorize the village of Bradford to issue bonds;

H. 286. An act to extend the time within which the construction of railroads heretofore authorized may be commenced or finished;

H. 296. An act levying a tax on the County of Windham for the purpose of paying indebtedness contracted in repairing the Windham County jail;

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 95. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a state highway tax;

By adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect December 31, 1917.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 118. An act to protect wild bees and honey;

In section 2, line 3, by striking out the words "exemplary damages" and inserting in lieu thereof the article and word *a penalty*.

Was considered and concurred in.



Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 148. An act relating to the drinking of intoxicating liquor by a passenger on a common carrier;

*First.* In section 1, line 2, after the word "liquor" by inserting the words *as a beverage*;

*Second.* In the same section, lines 2 and 3, by striking out the compound word "twenty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *five*;

*Third.* By striking out all of section 2;

Pending consideration of the first of which, Mr. Robinson of Jamaica moved that the bill with pending proposals of amendment be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the question recurring, Will the House concur in the first proposal of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative;

Whereupon, pending consideration of the second proposal of amendment, Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the House concur in this proposal of amendment with an amendment,

By substituting for the word "five" the words *not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars*;

Which was disagreed to, and the question recurring, Will the House concur in the second proposal of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative;

And the question being, Will the House concur in the third proposal of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative.

House bill, entitled

H. 136. An act to amend paragraph B of section 16 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to traps and spring guns and compelling the owner to distinctly mark his traps;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Porter of Sharon moved that the bill be ordered to lie and be made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes.

Which was agreed to.



Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Hooper from the committee on corporations and franchises,

S. 77. An act to provide for the recording of certain orders of the public service commission.

By Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 88. An act to amend section 3215 of the Public Statutes, relating to the ordering of property into possession of a nonresident guardian.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Kelly, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 240. An act to authorize the town of Colchester to issue bonds.

By Mr. Carlton, from the committee on taxation,

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to taxpayers.

By Mr. Miller, from the same committee,

H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores.

By Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 292. An act to amend section 33 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to private corporations: providing for the attachment of stock and sale on execution.

By Mr. Hall, from the committee on corporations and franchises,



H. 297. An act to amend section 4517 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 144 of the Acts of 1915, relating to loitering in railroad stations and telephone offices;

Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all of section 1 and inserting in lieu a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Section 1. A person who, within a period of one year, has been three times convicted of being found intoxicated shall be imprisoned in the house of correction for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year; provided, however, that if the court in which such third conviction is had so orders, such person shall be taken by the sheriff of the county for treatment at the expense of the state to the state hospital for the insane until further order of court, but not to exceed the time of the original sentence. At any time within the period of such original sentence, upon recommendation of the superintendent of such hospital, the person so committed may be transferred by order of the court to the house of correction, and shall there serve the remainder of the original sentence after deducting therefrom the time spent in such hospital;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 225. An act relating to the apprehension and surrender of fugitives from justice;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First. In section 1, by adding at the end thereof the following: provided that such complaint is made at the request of a prosecuting officer of the state wherein the alleged offense was committed;*



*Second.* In the same section, line 10, after the word "complaint" by striking out the period (.) and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,);

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Dwinell, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 249. An act to protect certain game birds on Joe's Pond;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 2, by striking out the words "wild geese";

*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 3, as follows:

*Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Miner, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 121 of the Acts of 1908, relating to trade-marks;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 5, line 10, after the word "corporations" by inserting the words *or members thereof*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Williams, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1917.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Robinson of Jamaica moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was disagreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Barrett of Cabot moved that the bill be ordered to lie and be made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

Which had been called up by Mr. Howland of Barre City and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on judiciary;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 24. An act to amend section 5717 of the Public Statutes, relating to rape;



Reported adversely to the passage of the bill in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Belknap, from the committee on taxation,

H. 299. An act to repeal No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals.

By Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 309. An act to amend sections 1261, 1367, 1792, 1804, 1807 and 1812 of the Public Statutes, relating to the trial of causes in county court and the court of chancery abolishing the appointment of masters, auditors, referees in chancery hearings.

On motion of Mr. Gill of Springfield, the House adjourned.

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 19. An act to pay John G. Diekman the sum therein named;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 92. An act to amend section 5211 of the Public Statutes, relating to physicians' prescriptions for intoxicating liquor;

And has passed the same in concurrence.



It has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. 'An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

And has concurred therein.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks: extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

By Mr. Adams of Westford,

H. 337. An act to provide for the licensing of horse dealers;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 338. An act to amend section 4693 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 170 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the definition of domestic and foreign investment companies;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 19. An act to pay John G. Diekman the sum therein named;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on claims.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:



S. 77. An act to provide for the recording of certain orders of the public service commission;

S. 88. An act to amend section 3215 of the Public Statutes, relating to the ordering of property into possession of a nonresident guardian.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 225. An act relating to the apprehension and surrender of fugitives from justice;

H. 240. An act to authorize the town of Colchester to issue bonds;

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to taxpayers;

H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 121 of the Acts of 1908, relating to trade-marks;

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores;

H. 292. An act to amend section 33 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to private corporations; providing for the attachment of stock and sale on execution;

H. 297. An act to amend section 4517 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 144 of the Acts of 1915, relating to loitering in railroad stations and telephone offices.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the nineteenth day of February he approved and signed bills and joint resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:



(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee;

(J. R. H. 21.) Joint resolution relating to the death of Dr. Henry Dwight Holton;

H. 57. An act to pay Eleazor B. Baldwin the sum therein named;

H. 64. An act to amend section 5948 of the Public Statutes, relating to keeping of gambling implements;

H. 69. An act to amend sections 4 and 5 and subdivision 1 of section 10 of No. 234 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Village of Concord";

H. 72. An act to amend the charter of Swanton village, relating to its power plant at Highgate Falls and to the issuing of bonds;

H. 128. An act to authorize the village of Newport to issue bonds;

House bill, entitled

H. 249. An act to protect certain game birds on Joe's Pond;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Miles of Glover asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 7, after the word "counties" by inserting the words *and Stone Pond in the town of Glover in Orleans County*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915,



and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 3, line 4, after the word "The" by inserting the words *father, mother*;

*Second.* In section 5, line 13, after the word "notice" by inserting a comma (,);

*Third.* In the same section, line 30, after the word "time" by inserting the word *within*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Moore of Ludlow the bill was ordered to lie.

Mr. Puffer, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 227. An act to create the office of state engineer and to define his duties; to amend section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1906 and to repeal sections 2 and 3 of said act, relating to boundary line commissioner;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 2, line 3, after the word "work" by inserting the words *except such as can be handled by the district highway commissioners in the highway department*;

*Second.* In section 4, line 2, by inserting in the blank the words *three thousand dollars*;

The bill was read the second time, the first amendment agreed to, whereupon Mr. Barrett of Cabot moved that the second proposed amendment be amended,

By striking out the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *two*;

And the question being, Will the House amend the bill as secondly proposed by the committee? It was decided in the affirmative, (The motion of Mr. Barrett being to insert a smaller sum was not further considered. See Rule 61) and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Deyette of Benson called up House bill, entitled

H. 320. An act relating to evidence or money loan written or endorsed at an indeterminate conditional rate;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

The Speaker announced as the members of the joint special committee on the part of the House as authorized by joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee;

The following named members:

Mr. Reirden of Barton,  
Stuart of Lyndon,  
Brooks of Montpelier,

On motion of Mr. Merrifield of Grafton, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 84. An act to establish state detention farms;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The President has appointed as the members of the joint special committee on the part of the Senate, under joint resolution, entitled



(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee:

Senator Fairchild,  
Leavens.

Mr. Howland of Barre City offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 22.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That when the two Houses adjourn on Saturday forenoon, March third, 1917, it be to meet on Wednesday March seventh, 1917, at three o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon;

Which was read and referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry called up House bill, entitled

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

And the bill was, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the General Assembly of the State of New York:

#### STATE OF NEW YORK.

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#### IN SENATE

Albany, January 31, 1917.

By Mr. Walton:

*Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly.*

Section 1. *Whereas*, The convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of the migratory birds was ratified on the seventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen; and



*Whereas*, In order to give effect to such convention there has been introduced in the Senate of the United States a bill, S. No. 7858 and in the House of Representatives a bill, H. R. No. 20080 for the purpose of giving effect to such convention; and

*Whereas*, There is a very general sentiment in this State in favor of, and an urgent request for, the enactment of a law to give effect to such convention;

*Now, therefore, be it resolved*, If the Assembly concur, that Congress be and hereby is requested to enact a law giving effect to such convention; and

*Be it further resolved*, That the legislatures of all States of the United States now in session be and they are respectfully requested to join in this request by the adoption of this or any equivalent resolution; and

*Be it further resolved*, That Congress be and hereby is requested to make adequate appropriation for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions contained in the bills, S. No. 7858 and H. R. No. 20080.

*Be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the United States Senate and to the House of Representatives and to the several members of such bodies representing this State therein; and to transmit copies hereof to the legislatures of all the other States of the Union.

By order of the Senate,

ERNEST A. FAY,  
*Clerk.*

In Assembly January 31, 1917, concurred in without amendment.

By order of the Assembly,

FRED W. HAMMOND,  
*Clerk.*

Filed February 1, 1917.

FRANCIS M. HUGO,  
*Secretary of State.*



STATE OF NEW YORK,

ss.:

Office of the Secretary of State

I have compared the preceding copy of this resolution of the Senate and Assembly with the original resolution on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this 2nd day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

FRANCIS M. HUGO,

*Secretary of State.*

Which was read and referred to the committee on fish and game.

Mr. Metzger, from the committee on state institutions, presented the following report:

*To the House of Representatives:*

The committee on state institutions to which was assigned the duty of visiting the Vermont State School for Feeble-Minded Children respectfully report that they have made the authorized visit, inspected the property, and have entered upon investigation of charges made against the management of the school. It has held two hearings at which testimony was taken relative to alleged abuses.

The committee is of the unanimous opinion that a further and more complete investigation is necessary and to that end it recommends that the committee be authorized to continue its work in order that any false accusations may be authoritatively denied and if abuses are actually found to exist that measures may be taken for their correction.

To that end it is recommended that the committee be empowered to hear evidence, to compel the attendance of witnesses by subpoena or otherwise and the production of papers and books before it at the expense of the state, and to employ a stenographic reporter at the expense of the state.

FRAZER METZGER,

*For the Committee.*



Which was read and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 84. An act to establish state detention farms;

Was read and referred to the committee on penal institutions.

House bill, entitled

H. 227. An act to create the office of state engineer and to define his duties; to amend section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1906 and to repeal sections 2 and 3 of said act, relating to boundary line commissioner;

Was read the third time and passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned, written or endorsed at an indeterminate conditional rate;

Which had been called up by Mr. Deyette of Benson and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Reirden of Barton moved to amend,

In section 1, line 2, after the word "deed" by inserting the words *or contract for a deed*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 335. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes; relating to exemptions from taxation;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Leach of Rupert moved to amend,

In section 1, line 10, after the word "including" by inserting the words *gasoline engines*;



Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Young, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 102. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, and section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemptions from taxation of money loaned within the State and providing for taxation of money loaned outside the State and repealing section 4661 of the Public Statutes, relating to rate of interest on loans;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Bellows of Swanton moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was disagreed to (on a division the vote was Yes 91, No 91, the Speaker voted "No" and the motion was lost);

And the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative;

Yeas, 119. Nays, 96.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Campbell of Belvidere, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bix,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Bundy,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Chamberlin,

Clift,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Deyette,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Flint,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howland,

Hunt,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kimball,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Neil,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Bradford,



Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,

Reirden,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Seaver,  
Sma. ey,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,

Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Webster,  
Wheeler,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott  
Allen of Vernon,  
Barrett,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Button,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Cunnington,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Dike,

Dillon,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gray,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Hemenway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Kingsbury  
Lawson,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McLam,

Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miner,  
Mott,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Sullivan,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pirie,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Ricker,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shanley,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
Wellenger,  
West,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those members absent and not voting were Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Baldwin,  
Bell,  
Bronson,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Dunton,  
Fullam,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Legate,  
Metzger,



Moore of Pomfret,  
Osgood of Rutland Town,  
Rawson,  
Richardson,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Steele,  
Stuart,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Walter,  
White,  
Wooster.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Brownington, the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 100. An act to establish the boundaries of the village of St. Johnsbury;

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 254. An act to amend section 5893 of the Public Statutes, relating to houses of ill-fame; including disorderly houses;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the nineteenth day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 5. An act to amend section 2652 of the Public Statutes, relating to lien on personal property for repairs, and providing an additional protection for the owner of such property;

S. 45. An act to amend section 2750 of the Public Statutes, relating to proving wills made without the State;



S. 59. An act to amend section 2 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the annual meeting of the board of registration of nurses;

S. 60. An act to amend section 338 of the Public Statutes, relating to the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairyman's Association and premiums awarded for exhibits;

S. 63. An act to give the right of appeal from the probate court to the supreme court in certain cases;

S. 64. An act to amend section 5529 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 221 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 223 of the Acts of 1912, relating to inquests;

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the State and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same;

To the committee on conservation.

By Mr. Perkins of Waterbury,

H. 340. An act to authorize the village of Waterbury to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a lighting system;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

H. 341. An act to incorporate the village of Alburg;

To the same committee.

Senate bill entitled

S. 100. An act to establish the boundaries of the village of St. Johnsbury;

Was read and referred to the committee on municipal corporations.



Mr. Dwinell of Calais called up House bill, entitled

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson of Pownal offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 23.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the joint committee appointed to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro is hereby empowered to employ an attorney at the expense of the State for the purpose of the investigation;

Which was read and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

Mr. Campbell of Belvidere offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 10.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the Burlington Free Press, Rutland Herald, Bennington Evening Banner, Barre Daily Times, Montpelier Evening Argus, St. Albans Daily Messenger and the St. Johnsbury Caledonian be requested to publish the yea and nay votes on all matters coming before this body and that the Clerk of the House of Representatives prepare and forward to such newspapers the report of such yea and nay vote;

Which was read and referred to the committee on rules.

House bill, entitled

H. 136. An act to amend paragraph B of section 16 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to traps and spring guns and compelling the owner to distinctly mark his traps;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bill, entitled

H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;



Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Candon of Pittsford the bill was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Day of Ira, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Frazer Metzger, the member from Randolph.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States Geological Survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont;

To the committee on conservation.

By Mr. Puffer of Richford,

H. 343. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the Session of 1908, relating to the salary state of the highway commissioner;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Hale of Dover,

H. 344. An act to amend subdivision A of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game, changing length of trout which may be taken and changing season in which trout may be taken and possessed;

To the committee on fish and game.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections, 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the Acts of



1910 as amended by No. 162 of the Acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer;

To the committee on state and court expenses and the committee on commerce and labor.

By Mr. King of Milton,

H. 346. An act relating to the care and control of the bridge across the Lamoille River in the westerly part of the towns of Colchester and Milton;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. McLam of Ryegate, (by request),

H. 347. An act relating to the sale of land for burial purposes;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

H. 348. An act to authorize the village of Alburg to acquire land for sewer purposes;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Collins of Marshfield,

H. 349. An act to amend section 5590 of the Public Statutes, relating to the restraining of bulls, and giving a right of action to recover damages;

To the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Williams, of Proctor, moved that the general committee be discharged from further consideration of House bill, entitled

H. 191. An act to provide for the indexing of the records of vital statistics in the office of the Secretary of State;

And that the bill be re-referred to the committee on appropriations;

Which was agreed to.



Mr. Fenton of Rutland City called up House bill, entitled

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Williams of Proctor called up House bill, entitled

H. 55. An act to amend sections 5642 and 5643 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages done by dogs to sheep;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned written or endorsed at an indeterminate or conditional rate;

Was read the third time and passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 335. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions from taxation;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass... Mr. Beard of Waterville asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 14, after the word "value" by inserting the words *one watch*;

Which amendment was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Preston of Strafford asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 10, after the word "engines" by inserting the words *not used for hire*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.



House bill, entitled

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

Which was called up by Mr. Dwinell of Calais and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Dwinell moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

Which had been called up by Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth moved that the bill be amended,

In section 5, line 23, by striking out the words "of his own motion" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *upon complaint of a board of license commissioners*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Archer, for a majority of the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 137. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 3 of the Acts of 1912, and in addition thereto, to give women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors;

Reported adversely to its passage;

Mr. Esden, for a minority of the committee, reported in favor of its passage;



And pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected?  
(After discussion) On motion of Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,  
the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft,  
their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has  
passed a bill, entitled

S. 102. An act to amend section 5363 of the Public  
Statutes, as amended by section 152 of No. 1 of the Acts of  
1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery;  
changing the place of meeting of the state board of medical  
registration.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House  
is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 39. An act imposing upon the commissioner of  
agriculture the duties of the state board of agriculture and  
forestry, state nursery inspector, state ornithologist, state  
forester, livestock commissioner and trustees of the state  
agricultural schools, by amending and repealing certain  
sections of the Public Statutes and Acts of 1908, 1910, 1912  
and 1915, relating to such officers;

And has passed the same in concurrence with a proposal  
of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence  
of the House is requested.

The President has appointed in the place of Senator  
Eddy, absent by reason of illness,

Senator Cady to be a member on the part of the Senate  
of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes  
of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public  
Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of  
1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and  
trust companies.



## House bill, entitled

H. 137. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 3 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition thereto, to give women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative;

Yeas, 114. Nays, 111.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Metzger of Randolph, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,	Field,	Parker of W. Rutland,
Aldrich,	Finnegan,	Perkins of Plainfield,
Allen of Wolcott,	Finney,	Perrin,
Amidon,	Flint,	Phelps,
Archer,	Fullam,	Pirie,
Atwood,	Gates,	Pollard,
Baker,	Gridley,	Potter,
Baldwin,	Hale,	Preston,
Ball of Maidstone,	Hall of Elmore,	Ralph,
Barber,	Hall of Isle La Motte,	Ranney,
Barrett,	Hayes,	Rawson,
Bates,	Haynes,	Robinson of Bridgewater,
Beard,	Hemingway,	Robinson of Jamaica,
Becker,	Higgins of Arlington,	Rood,
Belknap,	Hinds,	Ruble,
Bellows of Cambridge,	Howe,	Ryan,
Bellows of Swanton,	Hutchinson,	Seaver,
Bentley,	Johnson of Somerset,	Shores,
Bix,	Kelly,	Sinclair,
Biggs,	Kimball,	Spalding,
Bucklin,	Kingsbury,	Stanton,
Campbell of Belvidere,	Lamb,	Stedman,
Campbell of Sutton,	Leach,	Stoddard,
Candon,	Leonard,	Taylor of Greensboro,
Cannon,	Lynough,	Taylor of Tinmouth,
Casey,	McLam,	Waite of Shoreham,
Cudworth,	McLaughlin,	Walker,
Cummings,	Martin of Westfield,	Warren,
Dalrymple,	Matot,	Webster,
Dana,	Meech,	Wellinger,
Day,	Miller of Hancock,	Wheeler,
Deyette,	Miller of Westminster,	White,
Dike,	Mott,	Whitford,
Dillon,	O'Brien,	Whitney,
Dunham of Athens,	O'Dowd,	Williams of Proctor,
Dwinell,	Orcutt,	Wilson of Bristol,
Eaton,	Parker of Bradford,	Wooster,
Fenton,	Parker of Lowell,	Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Bailey,	Brown of Berlin,
Aiken,	Ball of Newark,	Brown of Orwell,
Allbee,	Beers,	Brown of Peru,
Allen of Vernon,	Blanchard,	Bryant,
Andrews,	Bliss,	Buck,
Austin,	Bond,	Bundy,
Ayer,	Bronson,	Burroughs,



Button,  
Buxton,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Demick,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Esden,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,

Hayden,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
King,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
McCray,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Neil,

O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Weston,  
West,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Powpal,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those members absent and not voting were Messrs.:

Bell,  
Brooks,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Fitzgerald,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Legate,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Osgood of Rutland,

Porter,  
Reirden,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stuart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tuttle,  
Walter.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 102. An act to amend section 5363 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 152 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery: changing the place of meeting of the state board of medical registration;

Was read and referred to the committee on public health.

Mr. Briggs of Granville offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 11.) Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has called to her last home the daughter of the member from Mendon, therefore be it



*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That our sympathy is extended to George H. Sergeant, the member from Mendon, in this his time of sorrow, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Sergeant;

Which was read and adopted.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Stiles, from the committee on state and court expenses,

H. 288. An act to amend section 6210 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 6 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables: changing the mileage allowed for service of process to the number of miles actually traveled by sheriff.

By Mr. Preston, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 305. An act relating to the taking of deer doing damage, and to appeals from appraisals therefor.

By Mr. Flint, from the general committee,

H. 307. An act to enable the proprietors and pew owners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chelsea to make repairs to said church and remove and rearrange pews therein.

By Mr. Phillips, from the same committee,

H. 312. An act to change the name of Leach Pond to Forest Lake.

By Mr. Hunt, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 319. An act to provide for warning signs at draw-bridges.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled



H. 135. An act to amend section 48 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 182 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 13, after the word "resides" by inserting a semicolon (;) and the following words: *provided, however, that the applicant may obtain such licenses from any town clerk upon presenting satisfactory proof to said clerk that he is a bona fide resident of the state.*

*Second.* In the same section, line 30, by striking out the words "sixty cents" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *two dollars.*

*Third.* In the same section, line 31, after the word "fee" by inserting a semicolon (;) and the following words: *provided, however, if a non resident comes from a state or country, the laws of which require a nonresident angler to procure a license before taking fish, such license fee shall be increased to an amount equal to that provided by the state or country in which said nonresident angler resides.*

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Allen from the committee on temperance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 31, after the word "appointed" by striking out the period (.) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon (;) and the following words: *provided, however, that a person who is or, within a period of ten years prior to the*



*time of such appointment, has been engaged, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor shall not be eligible to such appointment;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on suffrage and elections to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 198. An act to amend paragraph (b) of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 13, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *two per cent of the total number of votes cast for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the office at the last preceding election;*

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended? Mr. Barber of Wilmington moved that the bill with pending amendment be ordered to lie and be made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Sweeney, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 108. An act relating to the construction of water bars in highways.

By Mr. Bates, from the general committee,

H. 110. An act relating to the sale of gasoline.

By Mr. Leonard, from the same committee,

H. 197. An act for the better protection of automobile garage keepers and owners.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twenty-first day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 92. An act to amend section 5211 of the Public Statutes, relating to physicians' prescriptions for intoxicating liquor;

H. 95. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a State highway tax;

H. 118. An act to protect wild bees and honey;

H. 122. An act to amend subdivision A of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 extending the open season or pickerel;

H. 148. An act relating to the drinking of intoxicating liquor by a passenger on a common carrier;

H. 177. An act to amend section 26 of the Public Statutes defining the word "Person" in the construction of statutes so as to include partnerships and unincorporated associations.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 350. An act appropriating a certain sum to aid the Vermont State Firemen's Association and creating the Vermont firemen's relief board;

To the committee on appropriations.



By Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, (by request),

H. 351. An act relating to assessments by societies or lodges for charitable purposes;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Parsons of Hubbardton,

H. 352. An act granting to John H. Lutz of Grand Isle, Vermont, and Clarence A. Lutz and William H. Lutz of the State of New York, a ferry across Lake Champlain, between Grand Isle and Gravelly Point Cumberland Head, New York;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Aldrich of Shrewsbury,

H. 353. An act to amend subdivision A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the killing of deer; changing the open season;

To the committee on fish and game.

Mr. Stearns of Burlington offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 24.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the state treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to each member of the General Assembly and to the Chaplain of the House of Representatives the sum of one hundred dollars on March 2, 1917; said payment to apply on account of compensation for the session;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 12.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That, whereas this day marks the anniversary of the birth of him who was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." and whose memory is, and ever should be cherished and revered by all who are or shall be favored and blessed by the institutions founded upon the principles to which his strength and efforts contributed so greatly;



*Resolved*, That this House do now take recess for the space of thirty minutes, that the members retain their seats, and that the member from Randolph be requested to publicly read the Farewell Address of him whom we with increasing fervor honor as the FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY;

Which was read and adopted.

At ten o'clock and twenty-seven minutes, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, the Speaker declared a recess for thirty minutes;

During the recess, Washington's Farewell Address was read by the Rev. Fraser Metzger, the member from Randolph, after which the members united in singing the National Anthem.

The recess having expired, the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on state and court expenses, offered the following report:

*To the House of Representatives:*

The committee on state and court expenses, to which was referred the preliminary report of the House committee on state institutions, relating to the Vermont State School for Feeble-minded Children, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend the adoption of the annexed joint resolution.

(J. R. H. 25.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the House committee on state institutions is hereby empowered to further investigate the Vermont State School for Feeble-minded Children, and for that purpose to hear evidence, to administer oaths, to compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena or otherwise and the production of papers and books before it and to employ a stenographic reporter at the expense of the State; and for the purpose of such investigation, said committee is authorized to sit during the session of the respective Houses. That the auditor of accounts is hereby authorized to draw his order in favor of the chairman of the committee for such sum as is necessary to reimburse the members of the committee for moneys actually expended by them in the investigation;



Which joint resolution was read, whereupon Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved that the rules be suspended and that the joint resolution be read the second and third times and put upon its adoption at this time;

Which was agreed to, and the joint resolution was accordingly read the second and third times and adopted on the part of the House.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 135. An act to amend section 48 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 182 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides;

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;

H. 288. An act to amend section 6210 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 6 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables; changing the mileage allowed for service of process to the number of miles actually traveled by sheriff;

H. 307. An act to enable the proprietors and pew owners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chelsea to make repairs to said church and remove and rearrange pews therein;

H. 312. An act to change the name of Leach Pond to Forest Lake;



H. 319. An act to provide for warning signs at draw-bridges.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 39. An act imposing upon the commissioner of agriculture the duties of the state board of agriculture and forestry, state nursery inspector, state ornithologist, state forestry, livestock commissioner and trustees of the state agricultural schools, by amending and repealing certain sections of the Statutes and Acts of 1908, 1910, 1912 and 1915, relating to such officers;

In section 8, line 39, (being line 2 of the House amendments, House Journal page 141) after the word "forester" by inserting the following: *who shall be known and officially designated as the Chief Forester of the State of Vermont;*

Was considered and concurred in.

House bill, entitled

H. 305. An act relating to the taking of deer doing damage, and to appeals from appraisals therefor;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Osgood of Rockingham asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 7, by striking out the word "or" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *and*;

Which was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bill, entitled

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

Which had been called up by Mr. Fenton of Rutland City and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Fenton moved that the bill be amended,

*First.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. Section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 174 of the Acts of 1915 is hereby repealed.*



*Second.* By renumbering section 2 as section 3.

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Danville, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 53. An act to prevent cruelty to animals;

S. 85. An act to amend certain sections of the charter of the City of Burlington;

S. 99. An act to authorize the Town of Barre to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 127. An act relating to fishing in Lake Iroquois, commonly called Hinesburg Pond and in Lake Groton, and Lund's Pond;

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;

H. 141. An act to amend paragraph "A" of section 28 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, limiting the hours of taking black bass;

H. 202. An act to amend section 6 of No. 210 of the Acts of 1880, as amended by section 4 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, and section 5 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, incorporating the village of Lyndonville;

H. 210. An act to authorize the village of Winooski to refund outstanding sewer bonds;



H. 220. An act to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the Town of Brighton for the year 1914 and the grand lists thereof for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896 as amended, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans: making the office of lister an appointive office;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

H. 87. An act relating to standards of purity and quality for ice cream and ice cream products, and to regulate the sale thereof;

H. 242. An act to amend section 4094 of the Public Statutes as amended and to repeal section 2 of No. 147 of the Acts of 1912 as amended; relating to red lights on automobiles.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the twenty-first day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the exhibition of obscene and immoral moving pictures and shows;

S. 42. An act to amend section 2 of No. 83 of the Acts of 1865, entitled "An act to incorporate the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College";

S. 58. An act relating to the sealing and attestation of deeds and other written instruments;



S. 75. An act to amend section 4600 of the Public Statutes, relating to appeals from the public service commission.

House bill, entitled

H. 55. An act to amend sections 5642 and 5643 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damages done by dogs to sheep;

Which had been called up by Mr. Williams of Proctor and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Williams the bill was committed to the general committee.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on state institutions, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled .

H. 198. An act to amend paragraph (b) of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as proposed by the committee? (See page 293) It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Kingsbury, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 70. An act to amend section 93 of the Public Statutes, relating to certificates of nomination;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 15, by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *ten*;



*Second.* In the same section, line 16, after the word "the" by inserting the word *last*;

The bill was read the second time, and the question being, Will the House amend the bill as first proposed by the committee? It was decided in the negative;

Whereupon, the second amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 149. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 179 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and imposing a tax to defray the expenses of such inspection;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* By striking out the word "unsanitary" and wherever the same appears in said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the word *insanitary*;

*Second.* By striking out sections 3, 4, 5 and 6;

*Third.* By renumbering the remaining sections to correspond;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Becker, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 325. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the codification and amendment of the fish and game laws: permitting fishing in Lake Dunmore;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*



The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities, or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefore;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1 lines 5 and 6, by striking out the words "or of buying poultry or eggs for the purpose of sale or storage";

*Second.* In the same section, line 16, by striking out the words "sale or storage" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *or sale*;

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as firstly proposed by the committee? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the bill with pending amendments be recommitted to the committee;

Which was disagreed to, whereupon the amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 96. An act relating to the qualifications of officials taking acknowledgements;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:



By Mr. Adams, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 83. An act relating to the taking of fur-bearing animals in Franklin County.

By Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 196. An act to amend section 16 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915: by adding thereto another paragraph, relating to security in case of exceptions to supreme court.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;

Reported in favor, of its passage and its third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 51. An act to amend section 3670 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 122 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the support and burial of transient persons and prisoners, extending recovery by towns for expenses incident to confinement in jail on civil process;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance,

H. 52. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and sections 5110, 5111 and 5114 of the Public Statutes, relating to license commissioners;

By Mr. Candon, from the same committee,

H. 67. An act to amend section 5122 of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of liquor licenses;



By Mr. Perkins, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 96. An act to amend section 3994 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to a State highway tax;

By Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 237. An act to amend section 2637 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemption and foreclosure of personal property and providing that an adjustment of the amount due from the mortgagor to the mortgagee may be ascertained by a justice of the peace.

By Mr. Steele, from the same committee,

H. 269. A act to amend section 3044 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 108 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 102 of the Acts of 1915, relating to property rights of married women; including property held as tenant by the entirety.

By Mr. Pike, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 298. An act to amend No. 144 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 185 of the Acts of 1915 increasing the bounty on bob-cats.

By Mr. Phelps, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 333. An act to provide for licensing dealers in junk.

By Mr. Irish, from the committee on temperance,

H. 334. An act to amend section 5125 of the Public Statutes, relating to the number of licenses in a town, and granting preference to hotels of twenty furnished bedrooms.

Mr. Gill, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 73. An act to amend section 3955 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 125 of the Acts of 1910, as amended by section 1 of No. 138 of the Acts of 1912, relating to highway taxes;



Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Hemenway of Bridport moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Sweeney of Brighton, the House adjourned.

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Curtis of Worcester offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 13.) *Whereas*, God in His infinite wisdom has called to her last home the wife of the member from Middlesex, therefore be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That our sympathy is extended to Torry W. Hill, the member from Middlesex, in this his time of sorrow, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Hill.

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House the following joint resolution from the General Assembly of the State of California:

#### Senate Joint Resolution No. 3.

#### CHAPTER.....

*Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, relative to the establishment of definite lines of division between federal and state taxes, and the calling of a congress of the states to consider conflicting jurisdictions of the federal and state governments.*

*Whereas*, In the exercise of its taxing power the federal government is embracing the sources of revenue heretofore not availed of by that government; and

*Whereas*, There exists a line which separates the taxable units that equitably and logically may be left solely to state taxation from the units logically belonging to the broader federal jurisdiction; and



*Whereas*, The establishment of some reasonable line of division giving to the states sole taxing authority below such line, and to the federal government sole taxing authority above such line, would cure much of the trouble existing because of conflict of jurisdiction between states; would relieve the tension between federal and state governments; would result in great economy in the levying and collection of taxes, and would relieve the growing dissatisfaction on the part of the taxpayer resulting from irritating and expensive duplication of accounts and reports and double taxation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly*, That we respectfully urge upon the congress of the United States and the legislatures of the several states the need of holding a congress of the states to consider the subject of federal and state resources of revenue, with the object of adopting and urging upon the congress of the United States a definite policy in the segregation of state and federal revenue; and we urge the legislatures of the other states to provide for attendance of representatives at such congress; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be invited to appoint a representative and that both houses of the congress of the United States be invited to appoint representatives to attend such conference; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the governor of the State of California is hereby requested to urge the governors of other states to recommend favorable action and to arrange for the time and place of such national meeting; and that the governor of California be authorized to appoint delegates to represent the State of California at such conference; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the secretary of the senate to the president of the senate of the United States and to the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States; a copy hereof to each member of congress from the State of California, and a copy to the president of the senate and to the speaker in the house of representatives of each of the state legislatures in session at this time.

WM. D. STEPHENS,  
*President of the Senate.*

C. C. YOUNG,  
*Speaker of the Assembly.*

FRANK C. JORDAN,  
*Secretary of State.*

**Attest:**

FRANK H. CORRY, *Deputy.*



Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communications:

February 22, 1917.

Mr. H. A. Black:

Clerk of the House,  
Montpelier, Vt.

My dear Mr. Black:

My mother, Mrs. D. Edwin Wright of this town, aunt of the late Chaplain M. W. Farman, wishes me to express her sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation of the courtesy and great honor of His Excellency Governor Graham and the Members of the House, in so honoring Mr. Farman with a beautiful and impressive Memorial service in the Legislative Hall where so much notable Vermont history has been, and is being made. We can think of no service that would have been more gratifying, or more satisfying than the memorable one which was so kindly given.

Most sincerely and thankfully,

LILLIAN WRIGHT,

Westfield, Orleans County, Vt.

Which was read.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 53. An act to prevent cruelty to animals;

To the general committee.

S. 85. An act to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Burlington;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

S. 99. An act to authorize the town of Barre to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

To the same committee.



House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

H. 354. An act to provide uniform traffic regulations;  
To the general committee.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

H. 355. An act to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

H. 358. An act relating to the highway bridge over the railway track in the village of Proctor;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

By Mr. Coburn of Jay, (by request),

H. 359. An act to amend section 5364 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 151 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 2 of No. 188 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, compelling an applicant for examination to be a graduate of a medical college or university in the United States;

To the committee on public health.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Smith, from the committee on appropriations,

H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons;

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 357. An act relating to the sale of tuberculin in the State of Vermont;



H. 360. An act to authorize the governor to lease lands;

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

*First.* In section 2, line 5, after the word "the" by inserting the word *main*;

*Second.* In section 8, line 5, after the word "accident" by inserting the words *without immediately stopping and rendering such assistance as may reasonably be necessary and proper under the circumstances of the case, or*

*Third.* In the same section, by adding at the end thereof the following: *A person who operates or attempts to operate an automobile or motor vehicle in the public highway while his operator's or special or professional chauffeurs' license is not in force, on account of the suspension or revocation of the same, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than two years or both;*

*Fourth.* In section 9, line 3, by striking out the words "from its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures *April first, 1917;*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 87. An act relating to standards of purity and quality for ice cream and ice cream products, and to regulate the sale thereof;

*First.* In section 4, line 2, by striking out the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *one*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 3, by striking out the words "or imprisoned not more than one year";

Were severally considered and concurred in.



Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 242. An act to amend section 4094 of the Public Statutes as amended and to repeal section 2 of No. 147 of the Acts of 1912 as amended; relating to red lights on automobiles;

*First.* In section 1, line 6, by striking out the words "being operated" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *in use or at rest*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 12, by striking out the word "operated" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *in use or at rest*;

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 96. An act relating to the qualifications of officials taking acknowledgments;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

H. 70. An act to amend section 93 of the Public Statutes, relating to certificates of nomination;

H. 83. An act relating to the taking of fur-bearing animals in Franklin County;

H. 196. An act to amend section 16 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915; by adding thereto another paragraph, relating to security in case of exceptions to supreme court;

H. 198. An act to amend paragraph (b) of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

H. 325. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the codification and amendment of the fish and game laws; permitting fishing in Lake Dunmore;



H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;

H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

House bill, entitled

H. 149. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 179 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and imposing a tax to defray the expenses of such inspection;

Was read the third time and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the title be amended to read as follows:

*An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 179 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream.*

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Taylor of Tinmouth moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was disagreed to.

Mr. Jennison, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 102. An act to amend section 5363 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 152 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery: changing the place of meeting of the state board of medical registration;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their reading third ordered for tomorrow:



By Mr. Finnegan, from the committee on public health,

H. 311. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 226 of the Public Statutes, relating to standards of purity for food products.

By Mr. Bellows, from the committee on conservation,

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the state and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on rules, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 22.) Joint resolution relating to adjournment over the annual March meeting;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House when amended,

By adding thereto the following:

*The members shall receive, in addition to their per diem, mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile one way.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the joint resolution was adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Phelps, from the committee on rules, to which had been referred resolution, entitled

(H. R. 10.) Resolution relating to the publishing of the Yeas and Nays;

Reported adversely to its adoption and the resolution was rejected.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 67. An act relating to fornication;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Hooper, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 222. An act relating to the use of automobiles by non-residents;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Dana of New Haven, the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 140. An act to amend section 3 of No. 11 of the Acts of 1908, creating a board of agriculture and forestry;

H. 192. An act to leagalize appropriations by towns and cities for dependents of members of the national guard in federal service;

H. 200. An act to require town clerks to report municipal exemptions;

H. 214. An act to amend subdivision "A" of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to petitions in primary elections;

H. 223. An act to amend section 6218 of the Public Statutes, relating to fee upon distribution of estates;

H. 278. An act to provide for the election of water commissioners by the town of Coventry;

H. 280. An act to authorize the village of Bradford to issue bonds;

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

H. 294. An act relating to the fraudulent concealment of causes for personal actions;



H. 296. An act levying a tax on the county of Windham for the purpose of paying indebtedness contracted in repairing the Windham County jail;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for County Agricultural Extension Work;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 24.) Joint resolution relating to paying the members of the General Assembly and the Chaplain of the House of Representatives;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Mr. Belknap of Royalton, moved that the House take a recess for twenty minutes for the purpose of attending a concert given by the students of the South Royalton High School;

Which was agreed to.

The recess having expired, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph, the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Fraser Metzger, the member from Randolph.

Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro offered the following resolution:



(H. R. 14.) Whereas the House of Representatives has learned with deep sorrow of the death of Hermon E. Eddy, a senator from Windham County; therefore,

*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That we hereby express our appreciation of the loss which the State has sustained through the death of this citizen whose lovable personality, marked ability and sterling character had already placed him in the front rank of the young men of Vermont.

*Resolved,* that the Speaker appoint a committee of three members to attend the funeral of Senator Eddy and that the Clerk of the House be instructed to send to his family a copy of these resolutions.

Which was read and adopted.

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing resolution so directing, the Speaker appointed as the members of the committee to attend the funeral of Senator Eddy,

Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Cudworth of Londonderry,  
Tenney of Dummerston.

Mr. Stoddard, from the committee on state institutions, presented the following report:

*To the House of Representatives:*

The Committee on State Institutions, on the occasion of its visit to Brandon, took the opportunity of visiting the Industrial School at Vergennes. Since the school is located on the direct route to Brandon, the visit could be made without expense to the State. The inspection was further induced by the urgent and courteous invitation of the chairman of the penal board. The committee found the institution in such an excellent condition and doing such remarkable work, that it believes it to be a part of its duty to give the House the benefit of its finding.

The property is in a most excellent condition, all the buildings, stock and equipment giving evidence of the best of care. It was clearly manifest that the management of the institution is of the highest order, and the results produced in the training of nearly three hundred boys and girls cannot be too highly commended. The boys and girls give evidence



**of the best of care and discipline, not the least factor of which being the personal interest shown in the children by instructors, superintendent and chairman of the penal board.**

The State can ill afford to curtail the usefulness of this institution. It has been necessary to request that no more applicants be sent because of lack of accommodations. It is recommended that an appropriation be made for further facilities for housing the children who are, of necessity, wards of the State.

JOHN F. STODDARD,

*For the Committee.*

Which was read and referred to the committee on appropriations.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referras as follows:

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Matot of Poultney,

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks, providing a penalty for failure to perform services;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 363. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the care of indigent tuberculous persons;

To the committee on appropriations.



By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

H. 364. An act to repeal No. 197 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of licensed premises by license commissioners;

To the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Porter of Sharon,

H. 365. An act to amend section 4083 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 136 of the Acts of 1915, relating to poerators' and chauffeurs' licenses;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Metzger of Randolph,

H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings;

To the committee on education.

By Mr. Gates of Franklin,

H. 367. An act to amend section 5 of No. 253 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the payment of accounts of the purchasing agent;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

H. 368. An act to amend section 65 of the Public Statutes and to repeal sections 3364 and 3365 of the Public Statutes, providing for the election of county clerks.

To the committee on judiciary.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;

*First.* In section 1, line 24, by striking out the word "November" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *August*;



*Second* In the same section line 26, after the word 'statement' by inserting the words *on forms furnished by said director*;

*Third.* In the same section, line 34, by striking out the words 'commissioner of taxes' and inserting in lieu thereof the words *and with the director of the Vermont Agricultural Extension Service*.

*Fourth.* In the same section, line 36, by striking out the words 'and a list of the officers thereof' and inserting in lieu thereof the words *a list of the officers and the number of members thereof. The said director of the Vermont Agricultural Extension Service shall certify to the commissioner of taxes annually on or before August fifteen the name adopted by each such association, a list of the officers and the number of members thereof and a list of such associations as employ a government county agricultural adviser.*

Were severally considered, the first, second and fourth were concurred in and the third non-concurred in.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 102. An act to amend section 5363 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 152 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery; changing the place of meeting of the state board of medical registration;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 311. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 226 of the Public Statutes, relating to standards of purity for food products.

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912 relating to the investigation of the water powers of the State and for determining the best method of utilizing the same.

Mr. Finnegan, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 74. An act relating to the report of the public service commission to the General Assembly;



Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Miner, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 239. An act to amend section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children in manufacturing and mechanical establishments; decreasing the number of hours of employment;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1912 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 1. A child under eighteen years of age and a woman shall not be employed in laboring in a manufacturing or mechanical establishment, more than ten hours in one day and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-five in one week.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 18, by striking out the word "and" where it secondly appears in said line and inserting in lieu thereof the word *or*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 34, by striking out the word "and" where it secondly appears in said line and inserting in lieu thereof the word *or*;



The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Smith of St. Albans City the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 357. An act relating to the sale of tuberculin in the State of Vermont.

H. 360. An act to authorize the Governor to lease lands;

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Perkins, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 306. An act relating to the control and management of selected highways;

By Mr. Higgins, from the general committee,

H. 337. An act to provide for the licensing of horse dealers;

On motion of Mr. Cannon of Northfield, the House adjourned.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Stearns of Burlington moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby House bill, entitled

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads: providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission;

Was ordered to lie and made a special order for February 28th at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order? It was decided in the negative, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Stearns of Burlington the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Moore of Plymouth moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it rejected House bill, entitled

H. 306. An act relating to the control and management of selected highways;

Which was disagreed to. (On a division: Yes 40, No 87).

Mr. Phelps, from the committee on rules, offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 15.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That no bill, except such as may be introduced by committee or by unanimous consent, whether deposited with the Legislative Draftsmen previous to the date of the expiration of the time for introduction of bills or not, shall be introduced into this House after the 7th day of March;

Which was read and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Cannon, from the committee on mileage and debentures, presented the following report:



*To the House of Representatives:*

The committee on mileage and debentures respectfully report, for the consideration and approval of the House, that the several members and officials of the House and employees of the General Assembly herein mentioned, are entitled to receive pay for travel for the number of miles set to their names, respectively, as indicated in the list hereto attached:

## ADDISON COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Addison,	Ezra W. Whitford,	76
Bridport,	Romaine L. Hemenway,	84
Bristol,	Myron W. Wilson,	79
Cornwall,	J. Howard Atwood,	88
Ferrisburgh,	Stephen E. Noonan,	60
Goshen,	F. H. Chamberlin,	103
Granville,	Alstine A. Briggs,	45
Hancock,	Arthur L. Miller,	39
Leicester,	Frank C. Ayer,	98
Lincoln,	Lester A. Bryant,	79
Middlebury,	Ira H. LaFleur,	77
Monkton,	Daniel E. Meech,	73
New Haven,	Charles S. Dana,	76
Orwell,	Rollin C. Brown,	101
Panton,	Walter R. White,	71
Ripton,	John F. Stoddard,	85
Salisbury,	Paul S. Field,	94
Shoreham,	Pliny W. Waite,	96
Starksboro,	John W. Dike,	89
Vergennes,	Frank W. Tuttle,	65
Waltham,	A. G. Wright,	67
Weybridge,	Charles M. Baker,	82
Whiting,	Fred C. Rawson,	92

## BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Arlington,	Thomas Higgins,	176
Bennington,	William A. Root,	167
Dorset,	Michael F. Kelly,	148
Glastenbury,	Charles A. Becker,	167
Landgrove,	B. W. Beers,	170
Manchester,	W. H. Bundy,	142
Peru,	Asa Brown,	149



Pownal,	Frank A. Wilson,	209
Readsboro,	Henry E. Blanchard,	196
Rupert,	Charles G. Leach,	153
Sandgate,	Harry L. Hayes,	162
Searsburgh,	George J. Bond,	211
Shaftsbury,	Grant Bronson,	162
Stamford,	Arthur E. Dunn,	200
Sunderland,	Alfred E. Bentley,	147
Winhall,	Lucius P. Martin,	168
Woodford,	Raymond A. Higgins,	176

## CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Burke,	Frank H. Orcutt,	80
Danville,	Eugene W. Hunt,	70
Groton,	Harry M. Ricker,	29
Hardwick,	Richard S. Hooper,	93
Kirby,	James E. Warren,	73
Lyndon,	Charles L. Stuart,	72
Newark,	C. E. Ball,	85
Peacham,	George W. Esden,	58
Ryegate,	John A. McLam,	46
St. Johnsbury,	Charles N. Whitney,	65
Sheffield,	Arthur J. Dunton,	80
Stannard,	Frank E. Burroughs,	91
Sutton,	Willie I. Campbell,	84
Walden,	F. Elmer Cox,	84
Waterford,	Charles L. Hemingway,	70
Wheelock,	Samuel W. Drake,	75

## CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Bolton,	D. J. Hayden,	18
Burlington,	Joseph T. Stearns,	43
Charlotte,	John R. Taggart,	60
Colchester,	Daniel E. O'Sullivan,	39
Essex,	Hammond W. Sinclair,	43
Hinesburgh,	Mitchell J. Finney,	62
Huntington,	Truman W. Johnson,	31
Jericho,	George H. Hutchinson,	43
Milton,	Charles J. King,	46
Richmond,	Frank Harding Chessmore,	22
St. George,	Lawrence Wellinger,	42
Shelburne,	Walter M. Webster,	50
South Burlington,	Daniel O'Brien,	45



Underhill,	Allston L. Fogg,	50
Westford,	Frank B. Adams,	40
Williston,	George F. Irish,	30

## ESSEX COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Bloomfield,	John C. Stanton,	108
Brighton,	John S. Sweeney,	121
Brunswick,	James O'Dowd,	106
Canaan,	Fred C. Carlton,	129
Concord,	John G. Chapman,	68
East Haven,	Elmer N. Walter,	84
Granby,	Arthur W. Shores,	85
Guildhall,	Joseph N. Hardy,	92
Lemington,	Harold A. Holbrook,	118
Lunenburg,	George C. Bell,	81
Maidstone,	Perley A. Ball,	95
Norton,	John Cunningham,	137
Victory,	Arthur Lynaugh,	78

## FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Bakersfield,	Peter E. Shanley,	75
Berkshire,	William S. Rublee,	82
Enosburgh,	William B. Ladd,	67
Fairfax,	Thomas F. Ryan,	77
Fairfield,	Perry Chase,	73
Fletcher,	Olney S. Carpenter,	60
Franklin,	Arthur H. Gates,	79
Georgia,	Fred W. Bliss,	60
Highgate,	Daniel W. Steele,	73
Montgomery,	Cortis M. Foley,	90
Richford,	Henry A. Puffer,	87
St. Albans, City of	J. Gregory Smith,	56
St. Albans, Town of	Jay T. Button,	63
Sheldon,	Theodore C. Jennison,	72
Swanton,	A. B. Bellows,	68

## GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Alburg,	M. T. Mott,	82
Grand Isle,	Charles H. Russell,	63
Isle La Motte,	Allen M. Hall,	96
North Hero,	Howard J. O'Neil,	67
South Hero,	Frank Trouville,	59



## LAMOILLE COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Belvidere,	E. S. Campbell,	75
Cambridge,	Charles L. Bellows,	58
Eden,	G. H. Hinds,	80
Elmore,	Henry E. Hall,	80
Hyde Park,	Dennis Finnegan	75
Johnson,	H. O. Stiles,	70
Morristown,	Elmer A. Smalley,	76
Stowe,	Harry E. Pike,	22
Waterville,	George H. Beard,	64
Wolcott,	G. T. Allen,	84

## ORANGE COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Bradford,	Harry E. Parker,	53
Braintree,	Herbert F. Flint,	34
Brookfield,	Fred O. Ralph,	20
Chelsea,	Stanley C. Wilson,	24
Corinth,	Frank J. Eaton,	66
Fairlee,	Lee C. Andrews,	58
Newbury,	Warren W. Bailey, Sr.	47
Orange,	Frank Haynes,	14
Randolph,	Fraser Metzger,	33
Strafford,	Fred W. Preston,	58
Thetford,	Charles C. Cook,	75
Topsham,	Chester H. Hight,	20
Tunbridge,	Will T. Noble,	53
Vershire,	Melvin B. West,	65
Washington,	Leo W. Seaver,	20
West Fairlee,	Hiram A. Kingsbury,	70
Williamstown,	James K. Pirie,	11

## ORLEANS COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Albany,	Arthur C. Cheney,	107
Barton,	W. W. Reirden,	95
Brownington,	Thomas Smith,	100
Charleston,	John B. Buck,	126
Coventry,	Homer Wright,	108
Craftsbury,	Martin B. Johnson,	100
Derby,	Wilbur M. Taylor,	109
Glover,	O. G. Miles,	93
Greensboro,	George W. Taylor,	109



Holland,	H. W. Demick,	125
Irasburgh,	George W. Phillips,	100
Jay,	Bernard H. Coburn,	123
Lowell,	H. A. Parker,	134
Morgan,	George W. Gray,	116
Newport,	Willard R. Prouty,	105
Troy,	Floyd J. Miller,	117
Westfield,	Frank D. Martin,	123

## RUTLAND COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Benson,	George Deyette,	138
Brandon,	George H. Young,	94
Castleton,	James Cummings,	124
Chittenden,	C. O. Wooster,	110
Clarendon,	L. N. Potter,	120
Danby,	Guy Baldwin,	129
Fair Haven,	Philip M. M. Phelps,	127
Hubbardton,	S. T. Parsons,	100
Ira,	Dexter D. Day,	118
Mendon,	George H. Sergeant,	114
Middletown Springs,	Crocker J. Clift,	137
Mount Holly,	Russell B. Archer,	125
Mount Tabor,	James Casey,	132
Pawlet,	W. O. Williams,	142
Pittsfield,	Loren E. Lamb,	100
Pittsford,	John B. Candon,	55
Poultney,	Henry M. Matot,	129
Proctor,	Benjamin Williams,	104
Rutland, City of,	Walter S. Fenton,	110
Rutland, Town of,	Lee Kingsley Osgood,	114
Sherburne,	Heber B. Miner,	123
Shrewsbury,	Byron H. Aldrich,	123
Sudbury,	John G. Bucklin,	107
Tinmouth,	Edward C. Taylor,	124
Wallingford,	H. D. Hopkins,	120
Wells,	Smith W. Buxton,	141
West Haven,	James E. Adams,	146
West Rutland,	Charles A. Parker,	114

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Barre, City of,	Frank G. Howland,	6
Barre, Town of,	James Lawson,	10
Berlin,	William Brown,	5



Cabot,	Orrill F. Barrett,	22
Calais,	Dell B. Dwinell,	14
Duxbury,	John R. Dillon,	14
East Montpelier,	Lewis D. Coburn,	3
Fayston,	Daniel McLaughlin,	21
Marshfield,	Clayton H. Collins,	21
Middlesex,	Torry W. Hill,	5
Montpelier,	Lynn B. Brooks,	1
Moretown,	Jacob W. Bates,	14
Northfield,	Matthias Cannon, Jr.,	11
Plainfield,	Waldo E. Perkins,	11
Roxbury,	George A. Roys,	18
Waitsfield,	Clayton M. Richardson,	20
Warren,	John L. Spalding,	25
Waterbury,	V. L. Perkins,	12
Woodbury,	George L. Hall,	15
Worcester,	C. N. Curtis,	12

## WINDHAM COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Athens,	Fred P. Dunham,	120
Brattleboro,	George L. Dunham,	129
Brookline,	Herbert B. Howe,	144
Dover,	Dan M. Hale,	146
Dummerston,	Elbert C. Tenney,	133
Grafton,	Fred O. Merrifield,	157
Guilford,	E. W. Legate,	136
Halifax,	Otis W. Amidon,	180
Jamaica,	R. E. Robinson,	152
Londonderry,	Addison E. Cudworth,	165
Marlboro,	Clifton D. Dalrymple,	141
Newfane,	Dana R. Stedman,	140
Putney,	Edward W. Aiken,	124
Rockingham,	Frederick L. Osgood,	110
Somerset,	Fred Vail Johnson,	228
Stratton,	Ernest C. Pike,	162
Townshend,	Edgar H. Allbee,	146
Vernon,	R. C. Allen,	138
Wardsboro,	Martin L. Johnson,	160
Westminster,	Charles G. Miller,	110
Whitingham,	Edwin T. Wheeler,	201
Wilmington,	Merton F. Barber,	210
Windham,	Henry L. Chapman,	158



## WINDSOR COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Mileage.
Andover,	Charles S. Leonard,	157
Baltimore,	James E. Shepard,	128
Barnard,	Dana B. Walker,	52
Bethel,	John S. Kimball,	39
Bridgewater,	Julian L. Robinson,	88
Cavendish,	Park H. Pollard,	139
Chester,	Clinton O. Fullam,	149
Hartford,	David A. Perrin,	65
Hartland,	Henry T. Dunbar,	72
Ludlow,	Ernest E. Moore,	135
Norwich,	Fred W. Fitzgerald,	72
Plymouth,	Herbert L. Moore,	149
Pomfret,	Sardine H. Moore,	61
Reading,	Walter S. Austin,	144
Rochester,	William M. McCray,	59
Royalton,	Perkey S. Belknap,	46
Sharon,	Wells C. Porter,	51
Springfield,	Frank D. Gill,	104
Stockbridge,	Angus H. Bix,	46
Weathersfield,	John H. Hicks,	152
Weston,	J. N. Waite,	162
West Windsor,	Fred O. Ranney,	85
Windsor,	George O. Gridley,	79
Woodstock,	George M. Rood,	84

## OFFICIALS.

Names.		Miles.
	Clerk.	
Harry A. Black,	Newport,	105
	Assitant Clerks.	
Julius A. Wilcox,	Montpelier,	1
Roswell M. Austin,	St. Albans,	59
	Reporters.	
John G. Norton,	Montpelier,	1
Lawrence A. Kelty,	Montpelier,	1



## Chaplain.

James H. Wills,	Waterville,	60
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## Employees.

## Stenographers, Office of the Clerk.

Ellen C. MacDuffee,	Montpelier,	1
Virda M. Spear,	Newport,	105

## Stenographers, Office of Secretary of Senate.

Mildred B. Ahern,	Barre,	6
Agnes Johnson,	Burlington,	42

## Stenographer, Office of President of Senate and Speaker.

Ida Calcagni,	Montpelier,	1
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## House Doorkeepers.

Hoyt S. Knight,	Royalton,	46
Russell E. Smith,	Addison,	74

## Senate Doorkeepers.

Lindley S. Squires,	Rutland,	110
William A. Reid,	Montpelier,	1

## House Messengers.

Edward S. Dana,	New Haven,	73
George E. Douglass,	Barre,	6
Robert V. Longtin,	Bennington,	167
James K. Somerville,	Waterbury,	12
Russell A. Seavey,	Charleston,	126
Fred A. Burke,	Jamaica,	156

## Senate Messengers.

John R. Bancroft,	Calais,	7
Joseph K. Darling,	Chelsea,	60

## Executive Department.

John N. Harvey,	Barre,	6
Roger M. Aiken,	Putney,	124



## Sergeant at Arms Office.

## Assistants.

Grover C. Templeton,	Worcester,	
Ford T. Flagg,	Richmond,	24
Rollin S. Pierce,	Waterville,	65

## Postmasters.

Herbert N. Locke,	Fair Haven,	126
William M. Meacham,	Morrisville,	76

## Coat Room Attendants.

Luther M. Ravlin,	South Burlington,	46
Guy Russell Colby,	Thetford,	67
Leslie W. Hayes,	Waterbury,	16

## Assistant Janitors.

James L. Watkins,	Montpelier,	1
Leroy A. Flint,	Montpelier,	1
George F. Taylor,	Montpelier,	1
Roy S. Christie,	Glover,	93
Willie B. Mobus,	Warren,	25
J. R. Blackall,	Montpelier,	1
H. B. Hall,	Burlington,	42

## Telephone Messengers.

Charles E. Libbey,	Danville,	70
William C. Bliss,	Georgia,	53

## Engineers.

George D. Reed,	Montpelier,	1
Stephen F. Farrand,	Berlin,	5

M. CANNON, JR.,

*For the Committee.*

The reading of which report on motion of Mr. Fenton of Rutland City was dispensed with and the report was ordered to lie and be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 74. An act relating to the report of the public service commission to the General Assembly;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 239. An act to amend section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children in manufacturing and mechanical establishments; decreasing the number of hours of employment;

H. 357. An act relating to the sale of tuberculin in the State of Vermont;

H. 360. An act to authorize the Governor to lease lands;

Mr. Allen, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 327. An act to provide for the issuing of duplicate fishing and hunting licenses;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Matot of Poultney, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. L. M. Barnes of South Royalton.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 26.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That a committee of two senators and three representatives be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives re-



spectively, whose duty shall be to expedite legislation and to devise ways and means to effect as early an adjournment of the Session as is consistent with thoroughness and efficiency;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Hinds of Eden, in accordance with Rule 40, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 369. An act relating to fishing in Lake Eden;

Which was read and referred to the committee on fish and game.

The report of the committee on mileage and debentures, which had been ordered to lie and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and the following corrections noted:

Mr. Whitford of Addison, 73 miles instead of 76.

Mr. Ladd of Enosburg, 77 miles instead of 67.

Mr. Ryan of Fairfax, 67 miles instead of 77.

Mr. Lamb of Pittsfield, 55 miles instead of 100.

Mr. Candon of Pittsford, 100 miles instead of 55.

Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier, 8 miles instead of 3.

John R. Bancroft of Calais (Messenger), 14 miles instead of 7.

On motion of Mr. Root of Bennington, the report was ordered to lie and be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Resolution, entitled

(H. R. 15.) Resolution to limit the time for the introduction of bills;

Which had been ordered to lie and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and adopted.



House bill, entitled

H. 327. An act to provide for the issuing of duplicate fishing and hunting licenses;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Hinds, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 144. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings and allowing women to vote in town meetings;

For a majority of the committee, reported that the bill ought to be rejected;

Mr. Barber for a minority of the committee, reported that the bill ought to pass, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Thursday, March 8th, at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to. (On a division: Yes 101, No, 100).

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 88. An act to provide for erecting a tablet to the memory of Ammi B. Young;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Chapman of Concord, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:



H. 185. An act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways;

H. 216. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation;

H. 227. An act to create the office of state engineer and to define his duties; to amend section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1906 and to repeal sections 2 and 3 of said act, relating to boundary line commissioner;

H. 271. An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to tax-payers;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolutions from the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 16.) Joint resolution to provide for the per diem and mileage of Leslie H. Thornton;

(J. R. H. 25.) Joint resolution empowering the House committee on state institutions to make further investigation of the Vermont State School for Feeble-Minded Children;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate insists upon its proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;



And asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses,

And the President has appointed as members on the part of the Senate of such committee:

Senator Bancroft,  
Cady,  
Day.

The Senate has reconsidered its vote concurring in the House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

And the President has appointed as the members on the part of the Senate of such committee:

Senator Bancroft,  
Bigelow,  
Wheeler.

I am directed to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate House bill, entitled

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the twenty-fourth day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 38. An act to amend section 5472 of the Public Statutes, relating to misbranded foods requiring statement of net weight on packages;

S. 47. An act to amend section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the report of the license vote, the certification of license commissioners and the labeling of liquors;



S. 49. An act to provide for clean, sanitary and healthful food establishments;

S. 71. An act to establish a board of geographic names;

S. 73. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to exemption from taxation.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Smalley of Morrisville,

H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 321 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto";

To the committee on municipal corporations

By Mr. Gates of Franklin,

H. 371. An act to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance moneys, upon requisition, to state officers and to provide for bond of indemnity;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

H. 372. An act to authorize the purchase of portable stone crushers for use by the several counties of the State;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

H. 373. An act to pay the Weekly Underwriter the sum therein named;

To the committee on claims.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;



Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Miner of Sherburne moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday, March 14th, at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Root of Bennington arose and announced the sudden death of William H. Bundy, the member from Manchester, and moved that out of respect for the memory of the deceased member the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and so the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY. FEBRUARY 28, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twenty-fourth day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 254. An act to amend section 5893 of the Public Statutes, relating to houses of ill-fame; including disorderly houses;

H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896 as amended, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans; making the office of lister an appointive office.

And on the twenty-seventh day of February, he approved and signed the following:

H. 127. An act relating to fishing in Lake Iroquois, commonly called Hinesburg Pond and in Lake Groton, and Lund's Pond;

H. 131. An act to encourage the building of homes;



H. 202. An act to amend section 6 of No. 210 of the Acts of 1880, as amended by section 4 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, and section 5 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1896, incorporating the village of Lyndonville;

H. 210. An act to authorize the village of Winooski to refund outstanding sewer bonds;

H. 220. An act to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Brighton for the year 1914 and the grand lists thereof for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

(J. R. H. 24.) Joint resolution relating to paying the members of the General Assembly and the Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Beers of Landgrove offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 16.) *Whereas* Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to his last home William Henry Bundy, the member from Manchester; therefore,

*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That we hereby express our sorrow at the death of our friend and co-worker, a man ripe in years, whose quiet, kindly personality endeared him to all who knew him, and whose long experience in varied lines of service made his counsel of especial value to the State as a legislator.

*Resolved,* That the Speaker appoint a committee of three members to attend the funeral of Mr. Bundy and that the Clerk of the House be instructed to send to his nephew for his relatives a copy of these resolutions;

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker appointed as the committee to attend the funeral of Mr. Bundy the following named members:

Mr. Beers of Landgrove,  
Leach of Rupert,  
Bentley of Sunderland.

Mr. Beard of Waterville introduced the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 27.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the doorkeepers of the Senate and House of Representatives, the assistant sergeant-at-arms,



the messengers in the sergeant-at-arms' department, executive messenger, the postmaster and assistant postmaster and coat room attendants shall each receive the same per diem and mileage as members of the General Assembly;

Which was read and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

Mr. Buxton of Wells, in accordance with Rule 40, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 374. An act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wells to maintain a screen at the outlet of Lake St. Catherine;

Which was read and referred to the committee on fish and game.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners;

Which was read, and under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro moved that House bill, entitled

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

Be returned to the Senate agreeably to its request;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Waite of Shoreham moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;



Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Barrett of Cabot,  
Cox of Walden,  
Amidon of Halifax.

Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry called up House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Barber of Wilmington moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the third proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Howland of Barre City,  
Barber of Wilmington,  
LaFleur of Middlebury.

The report of the committee on mileage and debentures was taken up and the following corrections noted:

Mr. Miller of Hancock, 61 miles instead of 39.

Mr. Bryant of Lincoln, 85 miles instead of 79.

Mr. Field of Salisbury, 84 miles instead of 94.

Mr. Wright of Waltham, 73 miles instead of 67.

Mr. Higgins of Arlington, 152 miles instead of 176.

Mr. Rublee of Berkshire, 83 miles instead of 82.



Mr. Bliss of Georgia, 56 miles instead of 60.

Mr. Mott of Alburg, 87 miles instead of 82.

Mr. West of Vershire, 72 miles instead of 65.

Mr. Collins of Marshfield, 20 miles instead of 21.

And the question being, Will the House adopt the report?  
It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Parker of West Rutland moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby House bill, entitled

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;

Was ordered to lie and made a special order for March 14th at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for March 14th at two o'clock and thirty minutes? It was decided in the negative, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to taxpayers;

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Mr. Flint, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 53. An act to prevent cruelty to animals;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading was ordered for tomorrow.



House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Fitzgerald, from the committee on state and court expenses,

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases.

By Mr. Dwinell, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws.

By Mr. Jennison, from the committee on state institutions,

H. 318. An act to appropriate a certain sum to build a dormitory at the Vermont Industrial School.

By Mr. Hardy, from the committee on conservation,

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States Geological Survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 180. An act to amend section 20 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to witness and jurors fees in municipal and city court;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 1, after the number "20" by inserting the following: *of No. 91*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Danville, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 98. An act to appropriate a certain sum to build and equip a reformatory for women at the state prison at Windsor;

S. 107. An act to amend section 19 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the contents of the certificate of proposal to issue capital stock.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 26.) Joint resolution relating to final adjournment;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Speaker named as members to fill the vacancies on certain committees occasioned by the death of Mr. Bundy of Manchester, Mr. Rublee of Berkshire to the committee on suffrage and elections, Mr. Dunton of Sheffield to the committee on penal institutions.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, lines 2 3 and 4, by striking out the words "purpose of extinguishing grasshoppers, be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *use of the Vermont Agricultural Extension Service for the purpose of demonstrating the best methods of controlling grasshoppers;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 207. An act to authorize the village of Proctor to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 9, after the word "village" by striking out the period (.) and inserting a comma (,) and adding the following words: *and to refund certain outstanding accepted orders of said village;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 3, after the word "for" by inserting the words *a sum not to exceed;*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled



S. 86. An act to restrict and fix the age of minors for marriage and in amendment of section 3300 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 114 of the Acts of 1912;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 23.) Joint resolution permitting the employment of an attorney at the expense of the State by the joint committee appointed to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro;

Reported adversely to its adoption on the part of the House and the joint resolution was rejected.

Mr. Beard, from the committee on taxation, to which been referred House bill, entitled

H. 33. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions from taxation;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Yeas, 178. Nays, 32.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Button, of St. Albans Town, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bell,

Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,

Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier.  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dillon,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,



Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Eaden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finney  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,

McLam,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcott,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Rawson,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,

Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Russell,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs:

Baldwin,  
Bliss,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Candon,  
Casey,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Finnegan,  
Fogg,  
Foley,

Gill,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Ladd,  
McLaughlin,  
Mott,  
Potter,

Ranney,  
Ruble,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Steele,  
Tenney,  
Webster,  
Wilson of Pownal,

Those members absent and not voting were Messrs:

Allen of Wolcott,  
Archer,  
Ayer,  
Ball of Newark,  
Becker,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Collins,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Hale,



Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayden,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
LaFleur,  
Legate,  
O'Brien,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Reirden,  
Roys,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Stuart,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Coventry.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Noonan, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 147. An act to repeal section 5312 of the Public Statutes, relating to regulations for issuing licenses to fish for sturgeon.

By Mr. King, from the same committee,

H. 174. An act to amend section 5268 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appointment of county and deputy fish and game wardens.

By Mr. Walker, from the committee on temperance,

H. 186. An act to amend section 5121 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 178 of the Acts of 1910 and amended by No. 173 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, prohibiting the granting of certain licenses to persons holding a public office and the granting of a license in a building where violations have been committed within one year without the knowledge of the owner.



By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 259. An act to amend paragraph F of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dogs killing deer.

By Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 368. An act to amend section 65 of the Public Statutes and to repeal sections 3364 and 3365 of the Public Statutes, providing for the election of county clerks.

On motion of Mr. Merrifield of Grafton, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917.

Devotional exercises by the Rev. C. W. Kelley of Irasburgh.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 274. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 110 of the Acts of 1910 and by No. 119 of the Acts of 1912 and by No. 116 of the Acts of 1915, relating to town officers; prohibiting the town treasurer from holding certain offices.

And has rejected the same.

The Senate has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 22.) Joint resolution relating to adjournment over the annual March meeting;

And have adopted the same in concurrence with a proposal of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Speaker appointed as the members of the joint special committee on the part of the House as authorized by joint resolution, entitled



(J. R. H. 26.) Joint resolution relating to final adjournment.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,  
Pollard of Cavendish,  
Cudworth of Londonderry.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twenty-eighth day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 77. An act to create the office of commissioner of industries and to amend and repeal certain sections, relating to the industrial accident board and factory inspector;

H. 140. An act to amend section 3 of No. 11 of the Acts of 1908, creating a board of agriculture and forestry;

H. 141. An act to amend paragraph A of section 28 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 limiting the hours of taking black bass;

H. 192. An act to legalize appropriations by towns and cities for dependents of members of the National Guard in Federal service;

H. 200. An act to require town clerks to report municipal exemptions;

H. 214. An act to amend subdivision (a) of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to petitions in primary elections;

H. 223. An act to amend section 6218 of the Public Statutes, relating to fee upon distribution of estates;

H. 278. An act to provide for the election of water commissioners by the town of Coventry;

H. 280. An act to authorize the village of Bradford to issue bonds;



H. 294. An act relating to the fraudulent concealment of causes for personal actions;

H. 296. An act levying a tax on the County of Windham for the purpose of paying indebtedness contracted in repairing the Windham County jail;

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cook of Thetford, (by request),

H. 376. An act to constitute a board of appraisers of domestic manufacturing, mercantile, public utility and trading corporations, not under the law exempt from local taxation;

To the committee on taxation.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

H. 377. An act relating to certain reports from foreign corporations to the commissioner of taxes;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

H. 379. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions on account of charges of book account;

To the same committee.

By Mr. Merrifield of Grafton,

H. 380. An act relating to dealers in evergreen trees;

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Deyette of Benson, (by request),

H. 382. An act to provide for the uniform appraisal and taxation of property owned or operated for the generation, sale or transmission of electrical energy;

To the same committee.



Bills of the following titles were severally introduced from the committee on municipal corporations by Mr. Tuttle, read and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

H. 378. An act to amend No. 259 of the Acts of 1906, relating to Bellows Falls village corporation, empowering said village to take and hold property for the purposes therein named;

H. 381. An act to amend section 5 of No. 313 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issue of bonds by the Newbury Lighting District.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions;

S. 53. An act to prevent cruelty to animals.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases;

H. 180. An act to amend section 20 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to witness and jurors fees in municipal and city court;

H. 207. An act to authorize the village of Proctor to issue bonds for the purpose therein named.

House bill, entitled

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Williams of Proctor the bill was ordered to lie.



House bill, entitled

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Gridley of Windsor asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 8, by striking out the words "Hinesburg Pond";

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Candon of Pittsford it was ordered to lie.

House bill, entitled

H. 318. An act to appropriate a certain sum to build a dormitory at the Vermont Industrial School;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph it was ordered to lie.

House bill, entitled

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States Geological Survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Williams of Proctor it was ordered to lie.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled



H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:* The committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, upon House bill No. 6, respectively report that they have considered the same and recommend that the House concur in the first Senate proposal of amendment.

REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
A. LEE CADY,  
HAMILTON S. PECK,

*Committee on part of the Senate.*

ERNEST E. MOORE,  
WILLARD R. PROUTY,  
WILLIAM S. RUBLEE,

*Committee on part of the House of Representatives.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;

Which had been called up by Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 7, at the end thereof, by adding the word *public*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners;



Was taken up, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 31. An act to allow towns to vote scholarships to deserving students;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Taylor of Tinmouth moved that the bill be amended,

In section 2, of the amended bill, line 2, by striking out the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *may*;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Yeas, 181. Nays, 29.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Candon of Pittsford, sustained by a constitutional number were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barber,  
Barret,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Burroughs,

Buxton,  
Carlton,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Dillon,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,

Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,



Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,

O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Russell,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,

Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs:

Allbee,  
Atwood,  
Bix,  
Bucklin,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,

Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Dike,  
Dunbar,  
Dwinell,  
Hemingway,  
Holbrook,  
Meech,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Potter,

Robinson of Jamaica,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Ryan,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Walter,  
White,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Young.

Those members absent and not voting were Messrs:

Aldrich,  
Archer,  
Ball of Newark,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bentley,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Button,  
Casey,  
Cunnington,  
Deyette,  
Dunton,  
Gray,  
Hale,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,



Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Leach,  
Matot,  
O'Brien,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Reirden,  
Seaver,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Walker,  
Wilson of Pownal.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 224. An act to amend section 666 of the Public Statutes, relating to the delivery of tax bills;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 330. An act to enable the town of Stowe to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money with which to repair, make additions to and equip the school-house in the village of Stowe;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered, whereupon Mr. Pike of Stowe moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read the third time and placed upon its passage;

Which was agreed to and the bill was read the third time and passed.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Dana, from the committee on education,

H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings.



By Mr. Allen, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 369. An act relating to fishing in Lake Eden.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 70. An act to create a board of control;

S. 103. An act to amend section 626 of the Public Statutes, relating to redemption of lands sold for taxes;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

H. 240. An act to authorize the town of Colchester to issue bonds;

H. 311. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 226 of the Public Statutes, relating to standards of purity for food products;

H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned, written or endorsed at an indeterminate conditional rate;

H. 335. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions from taxation;



H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the State and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 383. An act appropriating a sum of money for the Soldiers' Home at Bennington for the purpose of erecting buildings destroyed by the Fire of February 18, 1917;

To the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

H. 384. An act to amend section 3442 of the Public Statutes, relating to compensation of listers;

To the general committee.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 70. An act to create a board of control;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 98. An act to appropriate a certain sum to build and equip a reformatory for women at the State Prison at Windsor;

To the committee on appropriations.



S. 103. An act to amend section 626 of the Public Statutes, relating to redemption of lands sold for taxes;

To the committee on taxation.

S. 107. An act to amend section 19 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the contents of the certificate of proposal to issue capital stock;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

Joint resolutions were severally offered by Mr. Williams of Proctor and read and adopted on the part of the House, as follows:

(J. R. H. 28.) Whereas, Ex-President William Howard Taft is to be in the city of Montpelier on Thursday, March 8th, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That he be invited to address the joint assembly at four o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon of Thursday, March 8, 1917, and that the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Taft.

(J. R. H. 29.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, March 8, 1917, at four o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon, to listen to an address by Ex-President William Howard Taft.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Section 1. A person shall not take and possess mink, muskrat or otter on the shores of Lake Champlain in Rutland County, on Poultney River below Carver's Falls nor on the shores of Lake Memphremagog in the County of Orleans between May first and January first.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.



Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 132. An act to amend section 4180 of the Public Statutes, relating to the establishing or enlarging of cemeteries;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 7, by striking out the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 9, by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *five*;

*Third.* In the same section, by adding at the end thereof the following: *Provided, however, that such additions shall not be made if in the opinion of the state board of health any water supply will be injured thereby.*

The bill was read the second time, the first two amendments severally disagreed to, the third agreed to and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Sinclair, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 218. An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 5, by striking out the word "section" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *act*.

*Second.* By striking out all of section 2 from line 1 to and including the word "act" in line 27, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*The selectmen of the town of Newport shall be the selectmen of the new town or Newport until others are elected, and shall warn the March town meeting of the legal voters thereof for 1918, at such convenient place in said new town as they may select, in the same manner that town meetings are warned and called for the election of all necessary officers, and when such election shall be made the said town shall be organized and thereupon the official duties of the selectmen and other officers superseded by such election shall be terminated,*



*and said town shall assume and have all the duties, liabilities, obligations, privileges, immunities and powers that the old town of Newport had, except as otherwise provided by this act.*

*The selectmen of the town of Derby shall be the selectmen of the new town of Derby until others are elected, and shall warn the March town meeting of 1918 of the legal voters thereof, at the usual place of holding such town meeting, in the same manner that town meetings are warned by law for the election of all necessary town officers, and when such election shall be made, the said town shall be organized and thereupon the official duties of the present selectmen and other officers superseded by such election shall be terminated, and said town shall assume and have all the duties, liabilities, obligations, privileges, immunities and powers that the old town of Derby had, except as otherwise provided by this act.*

*Third. In the same section in line 34, by inserting after the word "government" the following:*

*, and all legal voters resident in the town of Newport within the territory named in section 3 hereof, shall for all purposes for which said meeting is called, be regarded and qualified as legal voters therein.*

*Fourth. In the same section, line 45 by inserting after the word "government" the following:*

*, and all legal voters resident in the town of Derby within the territory named in section 3 hereof, shall, for all purposes for which said meeting is called, be regarded and qualified as legal voters therein.*

*Fifth. In section 5 by striking out all of the remainder of the section after the word "Newport" in line 18, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

*The clerk of said city shall, at any time when directed by the city council, or when requested in writing by twenty-five legal voters of said city, call a special meeting of the legal voters of said city at such time of day and place as directed by the city council. In case of the failure of the clerk to call a meeting as aforesaid, that duty shall be performed by the mayor.*

*Sixth. By striking out all of section 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

*Sec. 6. At the annual meeting the said corporation shall elect from among the legal voters of said city a mayor, city clerk,*



*four aldermen, a city treasurer, one constable, three listers, three auditors, three grand jurors and an overseer of the poor, who shall hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, except that at the first annual meeting of said corporation two of said aldermen shall be elected for one year and two for two years; one of said listers shall be elected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; one of said auditors shall be elected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and at each succeeding annual election two aldermen shall be elected for two years, one lister for three years, and one auditor for three years.*

*Seventh.* In section 3, line 24, by striking out the word "westerly" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *easterly*.

*Eighth.* In the same section, line 31, by striking out the word "southerly" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *northerly*.

*Ninth.* In section 5, line 18, by inserting after the word "Newport" the following:

*, and shall be called by the clerk of the village of Newport.*

*Tenth.* In section 9, lines 26 and 27, by striking out the words "Water from said city water works shall not be furnished outside the city limits."

*Eleventh.* In section 23, subdivision 7, line 28, by striking out the word "management" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *control*.

*Twelfth.* In the same section, same subdivision, line 29, by striking out the words "steam mills" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *manufactories*.

*Thirteenth.* In the same section, subdivision 13, line 66, by inserting after the word "goats", the word *fowls*.

*Fourteenth.* In the same section, subdivision 29, line 147, by inserting after the word "prescribed" the word *standard*.

*Fifteenth.* In section 35, by striking out all of said section to and including the word "final" in line 31 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:



*The assets and existing indebtedness and liabilities of the town of Newport shall be divided as follows:*

*Of the property of the town of Newport, and said city shall have and own the town farm, stock, tools and personal property thereon free from taxation while used for strictly municipal purposes; the safes except one large one, one-half of the stone crushing plant, and the tool house in said city; and the new town of Newport shall have, own and control all the remaining property of every kind and description except the so-called book assets which shall belong to said city. All the debts and liabilities of the present town of Newport shall be paid and settled by said city of Newport, which shall include among other debts and liabilities the so-called United States deposit funds and all taxes assessed by the state and unpaid on the first Tuesday of March, 1918.*

*Sixteenth. In the same section by striking out all that part of the section beginning with the words "the assets" in line 45, to and including the word "final" in line 78, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

*The assets and liabilities of the town of Derby and the existing indebtedness of said town shall be disposed of as follows:*

*The new town of Derby shall pay all debts and liabilities of the present town of Derby and shall have, own and control all the property of every nature of the present town of Derby except the two schoolhouses and school property now in the limits of the proposed city, which shall belong to the city of Newport, and the said city of Newport shall pay to the said new town of Derby the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, and in addition, such portion of the taxes assessed by the state against the town of Derby, unpaid on the first Tuesday of March, 1918, as the grand list of that portion of the town of Derby taken into the city of Newport bears to the Grand List of the town of Derby as it was before the division, the remainder of which shall be paid by the new town of Derby.*

*Seventeenth. In the same section, line 78, by striking out the word "on" and inserting in lieu thereof the word All.*

*Eighteenth. By adding to the same section the following:*

*The provisions of this section being drawn and acted upon at this time are to take effect as of the first Tuesday of March, 1918, and if any substantial change is made in the assets or liabilities of the two towns between the date of the passage of this act and the taking effect of this section, such change shall be*



*adjusted on the basis of the grand list of the new town of Derby and the remainder of the town of Derby, and the new town of Newport and the remainder of the town of Newport.*

*Nineteenth.* In section 36, line 1, by inserting after "reference, etc.," the words *except the Vermont reports and digest.*

*Twentieth.* By adding to the end of section 36 the following:

*The selectmen of the town of Newport, in their discretion, may cause to be prepared, filed and kept in the office of the clerk of said town, a copy of the general index of the records of transfers of real estate of said town of Newport, existing on the first Tuesday of March, 1918, and such other records as from time to time may be determined on by said town, and for that purpose the person or persons authorized by the selectmen of said town to make such copies, shall have access to the original records in said city clerk's office at reasonable times.*

*Twenty-first.* By striking out all of section 38 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Sec. 38. The town of Newport and the city of Newport shall be respectively liable for one-half the support of all persons who are paupers on said town of Newport on the first Tuesday of March, 1918, and the city of Newport and the town of Derby shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who are paupers on the town of Derby on the first Tuesday of March, 1918, who resided within their respective limits when they became paupers. The residence of a person for the purpose of determining where a pauper shall be chargeable, shall, in the event of a partial residence in any of said territory on the first Tuesday of March, 1918, be completed by a continuance in the same town or city for a term sufficient to make the three year residence making such person chargeable on said town or city.*

*Twenty-second.* By striking out all of section 39 after the word "clerk" in line 62.

The bill was read the second time, by title only, on motion of Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes, the amendments agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fogg, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



By Mr. Pollard, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 143. An act to make uniform the law of partnerships.

By Mr. LaFleur, from the same committee,

H. 158. An act to make uniform the law relating to limited partnerships.

By Mr. Merrifield, from the committee on education,

H. 243. An act to provide aid for indigent school teachers.

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 316. An act relating to tuberculous animals.

By Mr. Adams, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 344. An act to amend subdivision A of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game; changing length of trout which may be taken and changing season in which trout may be taken and possessed.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 349. An act to amend section 5590 of the Public Statutes, relating to the restraining of bulls, and giving a right of action to recover damages;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Barrett of Cabot moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was disagreed to, and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Sweeney of Brighton, the House adjourned.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury in the chair.

Mr. Rublee of Berkshire, in accordance with Rule 40, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 385. An act to amend subdivision III of section 510 of the Public Statutes, relating to taxation of registered stock;

Which was read and referred to the committee on taxation.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on taxation, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912 entitled "An Act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop and of certain domestic animals";

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 31. An act to allow towns to vote scholarships to deserving students;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

*First.* By striking out section 2;

*Second.* By renumbering section 3 as section 2;

Which motion was agreed to (On a division: Yes 102, No 73).

Whereupon, Mr. Barrett of Cabot moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Thursday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;



Which was disagreed to, and the bill was passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

House bill, entitled

H. 132. An act to amend section 4180 of the Public Statutes, relating to the establishing or enlarging of cemeteries.

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 218. An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby;

H. 224. An act to amend section 666 of the Public Statutes, relating to the delivery of tax bills;

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane;

H. 308. An act to enable the town of Bennington to refund its bonded indebtedness falling due July 1, 1917;

H. 317. An act relating to repairing, building or rebuilding bridges;

H. 338. An act to amend section 4693 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 170 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the definition of domestic and foreign investment companies;

H. 369. An act relating to fishing in Lake Eden.

House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Waite of Weston moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Dana of New Haven asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 5, by striking out the word "such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *the town school*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Allen of Vernon asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 4, line 13, after the word "drawn" by inserting the words *who shall not be required to serve more than twelve days unless their services on a particular case necessitate a longer service*;

Which was disagreed to, whereupon, Mr. Amidon of Halifax moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 180. Nays, 16.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Allen of Vernon, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



Which was disagreed to, and the bill was passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

House bill, entitled

H. 132. An act to amend section 4180 of the Public Statutes, relating to the establishing or enlarging of cemeteries.

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

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House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Waite of Weston moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Dana of New Haven asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 5, by striking out the word "such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *the town school*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Allen of Vernon asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 4, line 13, after the word "drawn" by inserting the words *who shall not be required to serve more than twelve days unless their services on a particular case necessitate a longer service*;

Which was disagreed to, whereupon, Mr. Amidon of Halifax moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 180. Nays, 16.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Allen of Vernon, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Fogg,	Parker of Bradford,
Allbee,	Fullam,	Parker of Lowell,
Allen of Wolcott,	Gates,	Parker of W. Rutland,
Andrews,	Gill,	Parsons,
Ayer,	Gray,	Perkins of Plainfield,
Bailey,	Gridley,	Perkins of Waterbury,
Baker,	Hall of Elmore,	Perrin,
Ball of Maidstone,	Hall of Isle LaMotte,	Phillips,
Bates,	Hall of Woodbury,	Pike of Stowe,
Beard,	Hardy,	Pollard,
Belknap,	Hayden,	Porter,
Bell,	Haynes,	Prouty,
Bellows of Cambridge,	Hemenway,	Ranney,
Bellows of Swanton,	Hemingway,	Rawson,
Bix,	Higgins of Arlington,	Richardson,
Blanchard,	Higgins of Woodford,	Ricker,
Bliss,	Hight,	Robinson of Bridgewater,
Bond,	Hill,	Robinson of Jamaica,
Bronson,	Hinds,	Rood,
Brown of Berlin,	Holbrook,	Root,
Brown of Orwell,	Hooper,	Roys,
Brown of Peru,	Hopkins,	Rublee,
Buck,	Howe,	Russell,
Bucklin,	Howland,	Ryan,
Burroughs,	Hunt,	Seaver,
Button,	Hutchinson,	Sergeant,
Campbell of Sutton,	Irish,	Shanley,
Candon,	Jennison,	Shepard,
Cannon,	Johnson of Craftsbury,	Shores,
Carlton,	Kelly,	Sinclair,
Carpenter,	Kimball,	Smalley,
Chapman of Concord,	King,	Smith of Brownington,
Chapman of Windham,	Kingsbury,	Smith of St. Albans City,
Chase,	Ladd,	Spalding,
Cheney,	LaFleur,	Stearns,
Chessmore,	Lamb,	Stedman,
Coburn of E. Montpelier,	Lawson,	Steele,
Coburn of Jay,	Leonard,	Stiles,
Collins,	Lynough,	Stoddard,
Cox,	McCray,	Sweeney,
Cudworth,	McLam,	Taggart,
Cummings,	McLaughlin,	Taylor of Derby,
Curtis,	Merrifield,	Taylor of Tinmouth,
Dalrymple,	Metzger,	Tenney,
Dana,	Miles,	Tuttle,
Day,	Miller of Hancock,	Waite of Shoreham,
Demick,	Miller of Troy,	Waite of Weston,
Dike,	Miller of Westminster,	Walter,
Dillon,	Miner,	Warren,
Drake,	Moore of Ludlow,	Webster,
Dunham of Athens,	Moore of Plymouth,	Wellinger,
Dunham of Brattleboro,	Moore of Pomfret,	West,
Dunn,	Mott,	White,
Dwinell,	Noble,	Whitford,
Eaton,	Noonan,	Williams of Proctor,
Esden,	O'Dowd,	Wilson of Bristol,
Fenton,	O'Neil,	Wright of Coventry,
Field,	O'Sullivan,	Wright of Waltham,
Finnegan,	Orcutt,	Young,
Fitzgerald,	Osgood of Rockingham,	
Flint,		

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Aiken,	Barrett,	Martin of Westfield,
Allen of Vernon,	Chamberlin,	Pirie,
Amidon,	Cook,	Preston,
Atwood,	Dunbar,	Ralph,
Austin,	Foley,	Stanton,
		Taylor of Greensboro.



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Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Archer,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bentley,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Bryant,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Casey,  
Clift,  
Cunnington,  
Deyette,  
Dunton,  
Finney,  
Hale,  
Hayes,  
Hicks,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
O'Brien,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Potter,  
Puffer,  
Reirden,  
Stuart,  
Trouville,  
Walker,  
Wheeler,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster.



Senate proposal of amendment to joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 22.) Joint resolution relating to adjournment over the annual March meeting;

In line 3, by striking out the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *seven*;

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores;

By adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 7, as follows:

*Sec. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises, and Mr. Mott, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which committees had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 268. An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 11, 14 and 15 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, and section 6142 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 245 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties and salary of the Secretary of State; increasing salary of Secretary of State and relieving commissioner of taxes from duties as commissioner of foreign corporations;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Fenton of Rutland City, the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

The Speaker presiding.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:



*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the second day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 14. An act to amend sections 4084, 4085 and 4090 of the Public Statutes, and section 3 of No. 135 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issuance of operators' and special or professional chauffeurs' licenses, and the regulation of the operation of automobiles and motor vehicles;

H. 39. An act imposing upon the commissioner of agriculture the duties of the state board of agriculture and forestry, state nursery inspector, state ornithologist, state forester, livestock commissioner and trustees of the state agricultural schools, by amending and repealing certain sections of the Public Statutes and Acts of 1908, 1910, 1912 and 1915, relating to such officers;

H. 87. An act relating to standards of purity and quality for ice cream and ice cream products and to regulate the sale thereof;

H. 227. An act to create the office of state engineer and to define his duties; to amend section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1906 and to repeal sections 2 and 3 of said act, relating to boundary line commissioner;

H. 271. An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways;

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 387. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville, (by request),

H. 388. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 104 of the Acts of 1910, entitled "An act requiring town clerk to transmit birth, marriage and death records, not previously returned, to Secretary of State";



To the general committee.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the governor's salary and expenses;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Hall of Woodbury,

H. 390. An act to authorize the town of Woodbury to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

Mr. Cannon, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Friday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Prouty, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 358. An act relating to the highway bridge over the railway track in the village of Proctor;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Higgins, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 235. An act relating to the inspection of meat;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 6, after the word "five" by striking out the comma (,) and inserting the words *and ten cents a mile each way for his travel*;



*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fullam, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 347. An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 8, after the word "act" by inserting the words *and if the residence of the purchaser is unknown such notice shall be published three weeks successively in some newspaper circulating in the town in which such lot is situated.*

*Second.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. The selectmen of the town shall erect a suitable marker at the grave of the bodies interred in public lots as provided in section one of this act.*

*Third.* By renumbering section 2 as section 3.

Pending consideration of the first of which amendments, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Waterbury the bill was re-committed to the committee.

Mr. Fullam, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 371. An act to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance moneys, upon requisition, to state officers and to provide for bond of indemnity;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 7, after the word "bond" by inserting the words *the expense of which shall be paid by the state.*



The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 374. An act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wells to maintain a screen at the outlet of Lake St. Catherine;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 2, by striking out the words "and directed";

*Second.* In the same section, line 3, by striking out the words "within four months from the passage of this act";

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 378. An act to amend No. 259 of the Acts of 1906, relating to Bellows Falls Village Corporation, empowering said village to take and hold property for the purposes therein named;

H. 381. An act to amend section 5 of No. 313 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issue of bonds by the Newbury Lighting District.

Mr. Stearns, for a majority of the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies, relating to custom house brokerage;

Reported that the bill ought to be rejected.

Mr. Fitzgerald, for a minority of the committee, reported that the bill ought to pass when amended,



By striking out section 4.

And pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Steele of Highgate moved that the bill be ordered to and made a special order for Thursday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Phelps, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 221. An act to amend section 3068 of the Public Statutes, as amended, sections 3072, 3077 and 3098 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to divorce for hereditary incurable mania in case of fraudulent concealment.

By Mr. Phillips, from the general committee,

H. 365. An act to amend section 4083 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 136 of the Acts of 1915, relating to operators' and chauffeurs' licenses.

Mr. Hunt, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 372. An act to authorize the purchase of portable stone crushers for use by the several counties of the State;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Bond of Searsburgh moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was disagreed to, and the bill was rejected.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the second day of March he approved and signed bills and joint resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:



(J. R. H. 16.) Joint resolution to provide for the per diem and mileage of Leslie H. Thornton;

(J. R. H. 25.) Joint resolution empowering the House committee on state institutions to make further investigation of the Vermont State School for Feeble-Minded Children;

(J. R. H. 26.) Joint resolution relating to final adjournment;

H. 185. An act relating to vehicles carrying lights at night on public highways;

H. 216. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 129 of the Acts of 1915, providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation;

H. 240. An act to authorize the town of Colchester to issue bonds;

H. 242. An act to amend section 4094 of the Public Statutes as amended and to repeal section 2 of No. 147 of the Acts of 1912, as amended; relating to red lights on automobiles;

H. 263. An act to amend section 563 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 36 of the Acts of 1915, relating to notice to taxpayers;

H. 311. An act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 226 of the Public Statutes, relating to standards of purity for food products;

H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned, written or endorsed at an indeterminate conditional rate.

On motion of Mr. Prouty of Newport, the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:



I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 69. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of fourth class licenses, conferring on the commissioner of taxes certain duties heretofore performed by the Secretary of State;

S. 72. An act to amend No. 196 of the acts of 1915, relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 149. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 179 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream;

H. 190. An act to establish the militia;

H. 198. An act to amend paragraph (b) of section 6 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

H. 307. An act to enable the proprietors and pew owners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chelsea to make repairs to said church and remove and rearrange pews therein;

H. 312. An act to change the name of Leach Pond to Forest Lake;

H. 319. An act to provide for warning signs at drawbridges;

H. 330. An act to enable the town of Stowe to issue bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money with which to repair, make additions to and equip the schoolhouse in the village of Stowe;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:



H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

H. 176. An act to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases, and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health;

And has passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolutions from the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 28.) Joint resolution to extend an invitation to William Howard Taft to address a joint assembly;

(J. R. H. 29.) Joint resolution to provide for joint assembly to hear an address by William Howard Taft;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

It has considered the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

And has adopted the same on its part.

I am further directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bill, entitled

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the state and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same.

The Senate has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 31. An act to allow towns to vote scholarships to deserving students;

And has severally concurred therein.



The Governor has informed the Senate that on the twenty-seventh day of February he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 77. An act to provide for the recording of certain orders of the public service commission;

S. 88. An act to amend section 3215 of the Public Statutes, relating to the ordering of property into possession of a non-resident guardian.

And on March second he approved and signed the following:

S. 27. An act to create the office of director of state institutions.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 69. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of fourth class licenses, conferring on the commissioner of taxes certain duties heretofore performed by the Secretary of State;

To the committee on temperance.

S. 72. An act to amend No. 196 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops;

To the committee on public health.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the House return to the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the state and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Prouty of Newport moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it rejected House bill, entitled

H. 372. An act to authorize the purchase of portable stone crushers for use by the several counties of the State;



Which was agreed to, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Williams of Proctor the bill was recommitted to the committee.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows:

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

H. 391. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Allbee of Townshend,

H. 392. An act authorizing the Governor to convey by deed to Fred W. Watson of Townshend the privilege of taking water from a certain spring situated on the property of the State;

To the general committee.

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

H. 393. An act to create a water power and conservation commission, to provide for the development of water power by the State and to authorize the issue of bonds for water power development;

To the committee on ways and means and the committee on conservation.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 235. An act relating to the inspection of meat;

H. 268. An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 11, 14 and 15 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, and section 6142 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 245 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties and salary of the Secretary of State; increasing salary of Secretary of State and relieving commissioner of taxes from duties as commissioner of foreign corporations;

H. 358. An act relating to the highway bridge over the railway track in the village of Proctor;



H. 371. An act to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance moneys, upon requisition, to state officers and to provide for bond of indemnity;

H. 374. An act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wells to maintain a screen at the outlet of Lake St. Catherine;

H. 378. An act to amend No. 259 of the Acts of 1906, relating to Bellows Falls Village Corporation, empowering said village to take and hold property for the purposes therein named,

H. 381. An act to amend section 5 of No. 313 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issue of bonds by the Newbury Lighting District.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between Alburg and Swanton;

In section 3, lines 4 to 9, by striking out the following "to the provisions of chapter 177 of the Public Statutes (chapter 193 of the General Laws, as proposed) and amendments thereof; except that the remedy therein provided for the infringement of ferry rights, shall not be deemed to be exclusive," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *as to rates and service to the public service commission as under the law in the cases of public service corporations;*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 176. An act to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases, and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health.

*First.* In section 2, lines 4 and 5, by striking out the words "druggist or drug clerk" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *or any other person.*

*Second.* In section 3, line 7, by striking out the words "and said" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *Said.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.



Mr. Waite, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee on library, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 234. An act to make the United States census sheets now deposited in county courts accessible.

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons.

Reported in favor of its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Gates, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 367. An act to amend section 5 of No. 253 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the payment of accounts of the purchasing agent.

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* By striking out all of section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Section 1. Bills for materials or supplies ordered, or on account of contracts made, by said purchasing agent, shall, if not paid by said purchasing agent out of moneys received under the following section, be forwarded to the auditor of*



*accounts, who shall, if such bills have been approved by said purchasing agent and are approved by said auditor, draw orders therefor in favor of the persons rendering such bills.*

*Second. By adding to section 2 the following: Said purchasing agent shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, render an account in such form as the auditor prescribes, of the expenditures of such moneys during the preceding months and said auditor shall examine and audit the same.*

*Third. In section 3, line 1, by striking out the words "from its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures May 1, 1917.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Spalding from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 376. An act to constitute a board of appraisers of domestic manufacturing, mercantile, public utility and trading corporations, not under the law exempt from local taxation.

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 12, line 3, by inserting in the blank the word *eight*;

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Will the House amend the bill as recommended by the committee? Mr. Root of Bennington moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Thursday next at ten o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals."

Was taken up, read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Flint, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 285. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust in certain cases.

Reported adversely to its passage, and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 7, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 91. An act making an appropriation for unselected highways;

S. 106. An act to amend section 4546 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 148 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the elimination of grade crossings;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 168. An act to amend section 2 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and by section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to salaries of inspectors in the department of weights and measures;

H. 171. An act to amend paragraph A of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by paragraph A of section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915 by including golden trout;

H. 187. An act to provide for repairs and alterations to the Court House in Windsor County;



H. 249. An act to protect certain game birds on Joe's Pond;

H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 121 of the Acts of 1908, relating to trade-marks;

H. 297. An act to amend section 4517 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 144 of the Acts of 1915, relating to loitering in railroad stations and telephone offices;

H. 308. An act to enable the Town of Bennington to refund its bonded indebtedness falling due July 1, 1917;

H. 325. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the codification and amendment of the fish and game laws: permitting fishing in Lake Dunmore;

H. 327. An act to provide for the issuing of duplicate fishing and hunting licenses;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 13.) Joint resolution relating to federal and state taxation of income and inheritances;

(J. R. S. 14.) Joint resolution relating to printing a memorial pamphlet to Rev. M. W. Farman;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bill, entitled

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance.

The Speaker laid before the House the following letter which was read by the Clerk:



March 5th, 1917.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Upon my return to New Haven, after an absence of several days, I find your telegram of March 3d, containing the resolution adopted by the Vermont Legislature, inviting me to address the joint assembly at 4:45 on the afternoon of Thursday, March 8th. I greatly appreciate this courtesy on the part of the Vermont Legislature and shall be glad to address the joint assembly at the time mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

WM. H. TAFT.

Hon. Guy W. Bailey,  
Secretary of State  
Montpelier, Vermont.

Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the House return to the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 91. An act making an appropriation for unselected highways;

To the committee on highways and bridges.

S. 106. An act to amend section 4546 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 148 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the elimination of grade crossings;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 13.) *Whereas*, The federal government is encroaching more and more upon the sources of revenue heretofore reserved for purposes of state taxation; and



*Whereas*, This encroachment is felt particularly in the case of income and inheritance taxes, both of which forms of taxes are in danger of being dried up as sources of state revenue; and

*Whereas*, In both these fields of taxation there exists a line which separates the taxable units that equitably and logically may be left solely to state taxation from the units logically belonging to the broader federal jurisdiction; and

*Whereas*, The establishment of some reasonable line of division, giving to the states sole taxing authority below such line, and to the federal government sole taxing authority above such line, would cure much of the trouble, existing because of conflict of jurisdiction between states; would relieve the tension between federal and state governments; would result in great economy in the administration of the tax; and would relieve the growing dissatisfaction on the part of the taxpayer resulting from irritating and expensive duplication of accounts and reports and double taxation; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That we respectfully urge action by the Congress of the United States and the legislatures of the several states, to the effect that the federal income and inheritance tax law be amended so that upon acceptance and compliance by the different states, the federal tax will be withdrawn upon incomes and estates which reasonably and logically should be reserved for purposes of state revenue; and be it further

*Resolved*, That concerted and uniform action on the part of the states is of such vital importance that we recommend the holding of a congress of the states to consider the subject of federal encroachment upon state resources of revenue with the object of adopting and urging upon the Congress of the United States a definite policy in the segregation of state and federal revenue; be it and further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of the Senate of the United States and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; a copy herewith to each member of Congress from the State of Vermont, and a copy to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of each of the state legislatures in session at this time.

Was read and referred to the committee on federal relations.



Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 14.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare and cause to be printed at the expense of the State a memorial pamphlet to Rev. Marcellus W. Farman, Chaplain of the Senate, including therein the memorial exercises in the Senate, the funeral services at the State House, and all resolutions and joint resolutions relating thereto, and a photogravure of Mr. Farman. And he is further directed to cause said pamphlet to be printed as an appendix to the permanent journal of the Senate of 1917.

Was read and referred to the committee on appropriations.

House bills of the following titles, in accordance with Rule 40, were severally introduced, read the first time and referred as follows: ,

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

H. 394. An act relating to an armory in the village or city of Newport;

To the committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington,

H. 396. An act relating to domestic insurance companies; permitting such companies to withdraw deposits with approval of state treasurer;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

By Mr. Williams of Pawlet,

H. 397. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved February 7, 1917, entitled "An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors



and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes",

To the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Smalley of Morrisville, (by request),

H. 398. An act to amend section 1366 of the Public Statutes, relating to the duties of the reporter of decisions;

To the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

H. 399. An act to amend section 6248 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to salaries of state's attorneys; increasing the salary of the state's attorney of Caledonia County;

To the committee on state and court expenses.

By Mr. Cox of Walden, (by request),

H. 400. An act to prohibit the use of labels attached by wire to bags of feed and grain;

To the committee on agriculture.

By Mr. Parker of Lowell,

H. 401. An act to incorporate the village of Chrysoville;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;

To the committee on commerce and labor.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In section 2, line 6, by striking out the word 'liability' and inserting in lieu thereof the word *disability*;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 234. An act to make the United States census sheets now deposited in county courts accessible;

H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons;

H. 367. An act to amend section 5 of No. 253 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the payment of accounts of the purchasing agent;

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals";

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 332. An act to amend No. 195 of the Acts of 1876 as amended by No. 95 of the Acts of 1890, relating to the charter of the village of West Randolph;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the second day of March he approved and signed joint resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:



(J. R. H. 22.) Joint resolution relating to adjournment over the annual March meeting;

(J. R. H. 28.) Joint resolution to extend an invitation to William Howard Taft to address a joint assembly;

(J. R. H. 29.) Joint resolution to provide for joint assembly to hear an address by William Howard Taft.

And on the third day of March he approved and signed the following bills:

H. 190. An act to establish the militia;

H. 308. An act to enable the town of Bennington to refund its bonded indebtedness falling due July 1, 1917;

H. 330. An act to enable the town of Stowe to issue its bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money with which to repair, make additions to and equip the school-house in the village of Stowe;

H. 335. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions from taxation;

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Danville, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. S. Whitman Anthony of St. Albans.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 109. An act to exempt from taxation the property of the East Barre W. C. T. U. Library, Inc.;

S. 116. An act to authorize the Sheldon Poor House Association to issue bonds to refund its present indebtedness;



S. 117. An act to amend section 5436 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 217 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the general duties of health officers;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Speaker laid before the House the following resolution adopted by the White River Valley Pomona Grange:

Bethel, Vt., March 3, 1917.

*Resolution.*

White River Valley Pomona Grange.

Whereas, there has been presented to the General Assembly a bill favoring bonding the State for the improvement of our highways, therefore

*Be it Resolved* that we do not favor this bill and that we ask our senators and representatives to oppose it.

A. A. Church,  
C. E. Martin,  
F. N. Chapman.

Adopted this third day of March 1917, at session of Pomona Grange, Bethel, Vt.

Which was read and referred to the committee on highways and bridges.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 109. An act to exempt from taxation the property of the East Barre W. C. T. U. Library, Inc.;

To the committee on taxation.

S. 116. An act to authorize the Sheldon Poorhouse Association to issue bonds to refund its present indebtedness;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

S. 117. An act to amend section 5436 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 217 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the general duties of health officers;

To the committee on public health.



Mr. Bond of Searsburgh offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 30.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the State of Vermont, through her legislature, duly assembled in regular session, does hereby renew her allegiance and fealty to the government of the United States and pledges her support to the President in whatever lawful steps he may take in defense of the national honor;

That we commend the patriotism and loyalty of her representatives in the United States Senate, Hon. William P. Dillingham and Hon. Carroll S. Page, and applaud their unselfish and high-minded devotion to the national welfare in a grave international crisis;

That we approve of their desire to authorize the President to arm American vessels in self-defense against the submarine menace and we disapprove of the action of those who made it impossible for that desire to find expression in a vote;

That we further approve of their signature to a many festo expressing that desire and conviction, and hereby support and endorse their action;

That we also approve the loyal and consistant support of the President's position on this subject expressed in the National House of Representatives by the votes of Congressman Frank L. Greene and Porter H. Dale;

That we further commend to our Senators their consideration of such revision of procedure as will make it henceforth impossible for a small group of senators to defeat the will of the people, tie the President's hands and place us, before the nations of the world, in a false and humiliating light;

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of our representatives in Congress and an additional copy to Senator Dillingham, to be by him transmitted to the President.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House with but one dissenting vote.

House bill, entitled

H. 332. An act to amend No. 195 of the Acts of 1876 as amended by No. 95 of the Acts of 1890, relating to the charter of the village of West Randolph;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Sinclair, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 340. An act to authorize the village of Waterbury to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a lighting system;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 10, by inserting in the blank the words *twenty thousand*;

*Second.* In section 5, line 4, by inserting in the blank the words *twenty thousand*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 3, line 19, by striking out the word "and";

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 376. An act to constitute a board of appraisers of domestic manufacturing, mercantile, public utility and trading corporations, not under the law exempt from local taxation;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be amended as firstly proposed by the committee? (See page 387) On motion of Mr. Spalding of Warren the bill was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Sharon, the House adjourned.

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AFTERNOON.

House bill, entitled

H. 144. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings and allowing women to vote in town meetings;



Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 489. Except as provided in section 495 listers shall set the polls of all the inhabitants of the state, citizens and aliens, over twenty-one and under seventy years of age, in the grand list of the town wherein such inhabitants reside on the first day of April in each year at two dollars each. If for any reason taxable polls are omitted from the grand list when filed in the office of the town clerk, the listers shall on or before the fifteenth day of the next February certify such omission to the town clerk who shall record such certificate in the grand list book; and thereupon such proceedings shall be had in relation thereto and the tax thereon as is provided in case property is so omitted.*

*Sec. 2. Section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 495. Polls of persons honorably discharged who served in the army or navy of the United States in the War of the Rebellion and their unmarried widows, who claim exemption therefrom prior to the time of filing the abstract of individual lists in the town clerk's office; of members of the state militia or fire companies, if the town wherein they reside so votes; and of persons actually poor, shall not be set in the lists except as hereinafter provided. The names of persons so exempt shall be set in the grand list against which shall appear the words "poll exempt" and such additional words as will designate the class to which each person belongs.*

*Sec. 3. Section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 4 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 543. On or before the twentieth day of April, unless otherwise required, every taxable person shall procure such blank inventory, make full answers to all interrogatories therein, subscribe said inventory and affidavit, make oath thereto, and deliver or forward the same to one or more of the listers*



*in the town wherein such person owns or possesses property required by law to be set to him in the grand list therein.*

*In case reasonable notice in writing to file such inventory on or before a given date is by one or more of the listers delivered to a person, or mailed postage prepaid to such person at the last known post-office address, such person shall within the time therein specified properly fill out such inventory and deliver or forward the same to one or more of said listers, notwithstanding he may own or possess no property, subject to taxation.*

*Persons taxable only for real estate and persons taxable only upon their polls shall not be required to file such inventory unless notified so to do as herein provided.*

*Sec. 4. Section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 111 of the Acts of 1915 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 3416. A citizen, twenty-one years of age or over who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting, and whose tax or taxes due such town were paid prior to the fifteenth day of February preceding such town meeting, or who has attained the age of twenty-one years subsequent to the last annual assessment, or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall, while residing in such town, be a voter in town meeting; but such citizen, if a resident of an incorporated village, within such town, shall not vote in town meeting for town road commissioner unless at least fifteen per cent of the last highway tax of such incorporated village has been paid to the town treasurer to be expended upon the highways of the town outside of such incorporated village.*

*Sec. 5. The listers of the several towns of the state shall prepare and file in the office of the town clerks a true list comprising the names of all women residing in such town twenty-one years of age or over who are legal citizens of the United States and of such town. Such list shall be prepared and filed not later than the first day of July, 1917.*

*Sec. 6. Within ten days after the filing of such lists the clerks of the several towns shall prepare and post a check list showing the names of all women so reported by such listers and the same proceedings shall be had with respect to the amendment or alteration of such list as is by law provided for the alteration of check lists by the board of civil authority prepared for general elections.*



*Sec. 7. Except as otherwise provided in this act, all regulations provided by law for conducting general elections shall be applicable to the votes provided for in this act.*

*Sec. 8. The constable or, in his absence, the town clerk, or in his absence, a selectman, shall in each town, not less than twelve nor more than twenty days before the first Tuesday of September, 1917, post a notice in writing in three public places in the town, warning the women of the town who are entitled to vote under the provisions of this act to meet on said first Tuesday of September, 1917 at the usual place of holding general elections to vote upon the following question:*

*"Shall an act of the general assembly of 1917, entitled 'An act to amend section 489 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the acts of 1910, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 28 of the acts of 1910, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 4 of No. 28 of the acts of 1910 and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 111 of the acts of 1915 extending the right of suffrage to women,' become a law November 1, 1917?"*

*For the purposes of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this act all women whose names appear upon the check list herein provided for shall be qualified and entitled to vote upon said question.*

*Sec. 9. A special box shall be provided for the reception of the ballots provided for in this act, which shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and shall remain open until three o'clock in the afternoon.*

*Sec. 10. On or before ten days preceding such election the secretary of state shall prepare and forward to the several town clerks ballots which shall contain the following question:*

*"Shall an act of the general assembly of 1917, entitled 'An act to amend section 489 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the acts of 1910, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 28 of the acts of 1910, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 4 of No. 28 of the acts of 1910 and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 111 of the acts of 1915 extending the right of suffrage to women,' become a law November 1, 1917?"*

*And such voter shall mark her ballot in the square designating the answer she desires to give to such question.*



*Sec. 11. The town clerks of the several towns shall within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of said meeting, report to the secretary of state upon blanks furnished by said secretary of state the result of the vote upon the question of the acceptance of the provisions of this act. On the twentieth day of September, 1917, said secretary of state shall canvass the returns so made to him and shall, within two days thereafter issue his proclamation certifying the result of such vote, and declaring the time when the provisions of this act shall take effect.*

*Sec. 12. This act shall take effect on the first day of November, 1917, provided a majority of the women entitled to vote under the provisions of this act shall vote "Yes" and provided that if a majority of the women entitled to vote under the provisions of this act shall not vote "Yes" then this act shall take effect on the first day of November, 1930, but as to sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, this act shall take effect from its passage.*

Discussion ensued and Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte moved that debate on the pending question do now cease;

Which was agreed to and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as moved by Mr. Fenton? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas 103, Nays 109.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Fenton of Rutland City, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Amidon,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bix,  
Bond,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,

Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Dana,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dillon,  
Drake,  
Ounham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Gates,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,

Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Howe,  
Hutchinson,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Ma'ot,  
Meech,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,



Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rublee,  
Ryan,

Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Sinclair,  
Spalding,  
Stedman,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,

Walter,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
White,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Becker,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Buxton,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Eaden,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg.

Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gill,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hayden,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
King,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Noble,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,

Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Beers,  
Bentley,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Button,  
Carlton,<sup>1</sup>  
Chapman of Windham,  
Dalrymple,  
Dunton,  
Gray,  
Holbrook,



Johnson of Somerset,  
 Kelly,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Martin of Winhall,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 Osgood of Rutland,  
 Parker of Lowell,  
 Parsons,  
 Rawson,  
 Reirden,  
 Stanton,  
 Stuart,  
 Trouville,  
 Warren,  
 Wilson of Pownal.

And the question being, Shall the bill be rejected?  
 It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 102. Nays, 109.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Deyette of Benson, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
 Allen of Wolcott,  
 Archer,  
 Atwood,  
 Baker,  
 Baldwin,  
 Barrett,  
 Beard,  
 Belknap,  
 Bellows of Cambridge,  
 Bellows of Swanton,  
 Bix,  
 Buck,  
 Bucklin,  
 Burroughs,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Campbell of Sutton,  
 Candon,  
 Cannon,  
 Casey,  
 Chamberlin,  
 Clift,  
 Cudworth,  
 Cummings,  
 Dana,  
 Deyette,  
 Dike,  
 Dillon,  
 Dunham of Athens,  
 Dunn,  
 Dunton,  
 Dwinell,  
 Eaton,  
 Fenton,

Field,  
 Finnegan,  
 Finney,  
 Fitzgerald,  
 Flint,  
 Gates,  
 Gridley,  
 Hale,  
 Hall of Elmore,  
 Hall of Isle La Motte,  
 Hayes,  
 Haynes,  
 Hemingway,  
 Hicks,  
 Higgins of Arlington,  
 Hight,  
 Hill,  
 Hinds,  
 Howe,  
 Hutchinson,  
 Kimball,  
 Kingsbury,  
 Leach,  
 Legate,  
 Leonard,  
 Lynough,  
 McLam,  
 McLaughlin,  
 Matot,  
 Meech,  
 Miller of Hancock,  
 Moore of Pomfret,  
 O'Brien,  
 O'Dowd,

Parker of Bradford,  
 Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Phelps,  
 Pike of Stratton,  
 Pirie,  
 Pollard,  
 Potter,  
 Ralph,  
 Ranney,  
 Robinson of Bridgewater,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Rood,  
 Rublee,  
 Ryan,  
 Seaver,  
 Sergeant,  
 Shanley,  
 Shores,  
 Sinclair,  
 Spalding,  
 Stedman,  
 Stoddard,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,  
 Taylor of Tinmouth,  
 Tuttle,  
 Walter,  
 Webster,  
 Wellinger,  
 White,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Proctor,  
 Wilson of Pownal,  
 Wooster,  
 Young.



## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Dunham of Brattleboro,	Osgood of Rockingham,
Aiken,	Edsen,	Parker of W. Rutland,
Allbee	Fogg,	Perkins of Waterbury,
Allen of Vernon,	Foley,	Perrin,
Amidon,	Fullam,	Phillips,
Andrews,	Gill,	Pike of Stowe,
Austin,	Hall of Woodbury,	Porter,
Ayer,	Hardy,	Preston,
Bailey,	Hayden,	Prouty,
Ball of Newark,	Hemenway,	Puffer,
Barber,	Higgins of Woodford,	Richardson,
Bates,	Hooper,	Ricker,
Becker,	Hopkins,	Root,
Bell,	Howland,	Roys,
Blanchard,	Hunt,	Russell,
Bliss,	Irish,	Shepard,
Bond,	Jennison,	Smalley,
Bronson,	Johnson of Craftsbury,	Smith of Brownington,
Brown of Berlin,	Johnson of Huntington,	Smith of St. Albans City,
Bryant,	Johnson of Wardsboro,	Stearns,
Burton,	King,	Steele,
Carpenter,	Ladd,	Stiles,
Chapman of Concord,	LaFleur,	Sweeney,
Chase,	Lamb,	Taggart,
Cheney,	Lawson,	Taylor of Derby,
Chessmore,	McCray,	Tenney,
Coburn of E. Montpelier,	Merrifield,	Waite of Shoreham,
Coburn of Jay,	Metzger,	Waite of Weston,
Collins,	Miles,	Walker,
Cook,	Miller of Westminster,	West,
Cox,	Miner,	Wheeler,
Cunnington,	Moore of Ludlow,	Whitford,
Curtis,	Noble,	Williams of Pawlet,
Day,	Noonan,	Wright of Coventry,
Demick,	O'Neil,	Wright of Waltham.
Drake,	O'Sullivan,	
Dunbar,	Orcutt,	

## Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
 Ball of Maidstone,  
 Beers,  
 Bentley,  
 Briggs,  
 Brooks,  
 Brown of Orwell,  
 Brown of Peru,  
 Button,  
 Carlton,  
 Chapman of Windham,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Gray,  
 Holbrook,  
 Johnson of Somerset,  
 Kelly,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Martin of Winhall,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 Mott,  
 Osgood of Rutland,



Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Stanton,  
Stuart,  
Trouville,  
Warren,  
Wilson of Pownal.

The bill was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 15, after the word "list" by inserting the words *to the amount of two hundred dollars*;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 50, No 113), and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 111 An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies to custom-house brokerage;

Was taken up as a special order and, after discussion, at four o'clock and fifteen minutes Mr. Stearns of Burlington moved that the House take a recess until four o'clock and forty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

The recess having expired the Speaker resumed the chair.

*Joint Assembly.*

At four o'clock and forty-five minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session the Speaker resumed the chair.

The consideration of House bill, entitled

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies relating to custom-house brokerage;



Was again taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Noble of Tunbridge, the House adjourned.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 30.) Joint resolution approving the action of the Vermont Delegation in Congress in regard to the submarine crisis, and to assure the President of the United States of the loyal support of the State of Vermont;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The President has appointed as the members on the part of the Senate of the joint committee under joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 26.) Joint resolution relating to final adjournment,

Senator Demeritt,  
Vilas.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled



S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

And has adopted the same on its part.

House bill, entitled

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies relating to custom-house brokerage;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? (After discussion) Mr. Pirie of Williamstown, moved that the House adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

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#### AFTERNOON.

House bill, entitled

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies relating to custom-house brokerage;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Williams of Pawlet moved that debate on the pending question now cease;

Which was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 91. Nays, 114.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Steele of Highgate, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Bell,  
Bix,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Cheesmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Demick,  
Deyette,

Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Esden,  
Field,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Hunt,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,  
Metsger,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Parker of Bradford,

Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Pirie,  
Porter,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Sergeant,  
Shores,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Webster,  
Wheeler,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Young.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Atwood,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Bryant,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chase,  
Clift,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,

Fogg,  
Foley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
McLam,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,

Noble,  
O'Dowd,  
Orcutt,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Richardson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rois,  
Rublee,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Waltham.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Beers,  
Bentley,  
Bliss,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Peru,  
Burroughs,  
Carlton,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Dalrymple,  
Dike,  
Dunton,  
Fenton,  
Gray,  
Holbrook,  
King,  
Leach,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Miller of Troy,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Preston,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Stanton,  
Stuart,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Warren,  
Wilson of Pownal.

The bill was read the second time and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 144. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings and allowing women to vote in town meetings;



Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 104. Nays, 100.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr Haynes of Orange, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken are and as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Dunbar,	Noble,
Aiken,	Dunham of Brattleboro,	O'Neil,
Allbee,	Esden,	O'Sullivan,
Allen of Vernon,	Fogg,	Parker of W. Rutland,
Amidon,	Foley,	Perkins of Waterbury,
Andrews,	Fullam,	Perrin,
Austin,	Gill,	Phillips,
Ayer,	Gridley,	Pike of Stowe,
Ball of Newark,	Hall of Woodbury,	Porter,
Barber,	Hardy,	Prouty,
Bates,	Hayden,	Puffer,
Becker,	Hemenway,	Richardson,
Bell,	Hicks,	Ricker,
Blanchard,	Higgins of Woodford,	Roys,
Bliss,	Hooper,	Shanley,
Bronson,	Hopkins,	Shepard,
Brown of Berlin,	Howland,	Smalley,
Brown of Orwell,	Hunt,	Smith of Brownington,
Bryant,	Irish,	Smith of St. Albans City,
Buxton,	Johnson of Craftsbury,	Stearns,
Carpenter,	Johnson of Huntington,	Stiles,
Chapman of Concord,	Johnson of Wardsboro,	Sweeney,
Chase,	Ladd,	Taggart,
Cheney,	LaFleur,	Taylor of Derby,
Chessmore,	Lamb,	Waite of Shoreham,
Coburn of E. Montpelier,	Lawson,	Waite of Weston,
Coburn of Jay,	McCray,	Walker,
Collins,	Matot,	West,
Cook,	Merrifield,	Wheeler,
Cox,	Metsger,	Whitford,
Cunnington,	Miles,	Williams of Pawlet,
Curtis,	Miller of Westminster,	Wilson of Pownal,
Day,	Miner,	Wright of Coventry,
Demick,	Moore of Ludlow,	Wright of Waltham,
Drake,	Moore of Plymouth,	

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,	Chamberlin,	Hight,
Allen of Wolcott,	Clift,	Hill,
Archer,	Cudworth,	Hinds,
Atwood,	Cummings,	Howe,
Baker,	Dana,	Hutchinson,
Baldwin,	Deyette,	Johnson of Somerset,
Barrett,	Dike,	Kelly,
Beard,	Dillon,	Kimball,
Belknap,	Dunham of Athens,	Kingsbury,
Bellows of Cambridge,	Dunn,	Leach,
Bellows of Swanton,	Dwinell,	Legate,
Bix,	Eaton,	Leonard,
Bond,	Field,	Lynough,
Briggs,	Finnegan,	McLam,
Buck,	Finney,	McLaughlin,
Bucklin,	Flint,	Martin of Winhall,
Burroughs,	Gates,	Meech,
Button,	Hale,	Miller of Hancock,
Campbell of Belvidere,	Hall of Isle La Motte,	Moore of Pomfret,
Campbell of Sutton,	Hayes,	O'Brien,
Candon,	Haynes,	O'Dowd,
Cannon,	Hemingway,	Orcutt,
Casey,	Higgins of Arlington,	Parker of Bradford,



Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Phelps,  
 Pike of Stratton,  
 Pirie,  
 Pollard,  
 Potter.  
 Ralph,  
 Ranney,  
 Robinson of Bridgewater,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Rood,

Root,  
 Russell,  
 Ryan,  
 Seaver,  
 Sergeant,  
 Shores,  
 Sinclair,  
 Spalding,  
 Stedman,  
 Stoddard,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,

Tuttle,  
 Walter,  
 Webster,  
 White,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Proctor,  
 Wilson of Bristol,  
 Wooster,  
 Young.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
 Bailey,  
 Ball of Maidstone,  
 Beers,  
 Bentley,  
 Brooks,  
 Brown of Peru,  
 Carlton,  
 Chapman of Windham,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Dunton,  
 Fenton,  
 Fitzgerald,  
 Gray,  
 Hall of Elmore,  
 Holbrook,  
 Jennison,  
 King,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Mott,  
 Noonan,  
 Osgood of Rockingham,  
 Osgood of Rutland,  
 Parker of Lowell,  
 Parsons,  
 Preston,  
 Rawson,  
 Reirden,  
 Rublee,  
 Stanton,  
 Steele,  
 Stuart,  
 Taylor of Tinmouth,  
 Tenney,  
 Trouville,  
 Warren,  
 Wellinger.



Before the roll was called, Mr. Bond of Searsburgh asked to be excused from voting but his request was refused (On a division: Yes 87, No 101).

House bill, entitled

H. 340. An act to authorize the village of Waterbury to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a lighting system;

Was read the third time and passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time?

Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved that the bill be amended,

By adding to section 2 at the end thereof the following: *provided however, that if at any subsequent time such Baptist Church, Baptist Church and Society, or Baptist Society shall become sufficiently strong to make it desirable for it to reorganize as a church and to continue holding its services, then said Vermont Baptist State Convention shall hold in trust for such church or society said property or funds and shall annually transmit to such church or society the income from such funds or property while such church or society is existent.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 290. An act to amend and consolidate No. 120 of the Acts of 1892 and all amendments and additions thereto, relating to the village of Essex Junction;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Orcutt, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 359. An act to amend section 5364 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 151 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 2 of No. 188 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, compelling an applicant for examination to be a graduate of a medical college or university in the United States.

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was disagreed to, whereupon Mr. Coburn of Jay moved to amend the bill,

*First.* In section 1, line 9, by striking out the words "in the United States";

*Second.* In the same section, line 10, by striking out the word "such" and inserting in lieu thereof the article *a*.

*Third.* In the same section, line 11, after the word "university" by inserting the words *in the United States*.

The first two of which amendments were severally agreed to, the third disagreed to, (On a division: Yes 51, No 117) and the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 385. An act to amend subdivision III of section 510 of the Public Statutes, relating to taxation of registered stock;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 9, by striking out the word "not";

Pending consideration of which motion Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.



The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13, of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill, entitled

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

Report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment.

*Second.* That the bill be amended in section 1, by adding at the end thereof the following:

*"The state shall pay the owner seventy-five percent of such appraisal unless the animal on being slaughtered is free from tuberculosis or glanders, in which case the owner shall be paid the full amount of the appraisal."*

*Third.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 2 as follows:

*Section 2. Section 21 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 21. Upon receipt of the report required by the preceding section and a certificate from the Massachusetts board of cattle commissioners, showing the number and description of such animal, name of shipper, cause of rejection, and of a certificate under oath from the seller of the animal, together with a certificate from the owner of the animal, from whom purchased in this state, giving a description of such animal, the date*



and place of sale and the price paid for the same, the livestock commissioner of this state shall, if he is satisfied of the truth of such report and such last named certificate, so certify to the auditor of accounts, who shall allow and draw an order for a sum equal to seventy-five percent of the purchase price of such animal, less the amount received for the same in Massachusetts; but in no case shall such seventy-five per cent be reckoned on a sum greater than seventy-five dollars; nor shall the indemnity provided for in this, and the preceding section, be paid to or on behalf of anyone who is not a resident of the State of Vermont.

A person purchasing milch cows for shipment out of the state otherwise than as provided in section 20 of this act may have the same tested at his own expense under the direction of the live stock commissioner before removing the same from the state; in case said cows or any of them are found tuberculous, the same proceedings shall be had and the same payments made as are provided for in section 13 of this act and the owner shall make a report in writing to said commissioner giving the name of the person of whom said diseased cattle were purchased, the date of such purchase, and the sum paid therefor.

F. C. BANCROFT,  
C. H. BIGELOW,  
H. H. WHEELER,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

O. F. BARRETT,  
F. E. COX,  
O. W. AMIDON,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Cummings, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 394. An act relating to an armory in the village or city of Newport;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, lines 3 and 4, by striking out the following: "No. 172 of the Acts of 1910, as amended by No. 192 of the Acts of 1912" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32 of an act, entitled "An Act to establish the militia" approved March 3, 1917.



The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Cheney, for a majority of the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 232. An act to amend section 6144 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 184 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts;

Reported in favor of its passage.

Mr. Carpenter, for a minority of the same committee, reported that the bill ought to be rejected.

The bill was read the second time and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Dana, from the committee on minor courts, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 29. An act to amend section 6 of No. 321 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the Hartford municipal court;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Day of Ira, the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Seaver of Washington moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused the third reading of House bill, entitled

H. 232. An act to amend section 6144 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 184 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.



House bill, entitled

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies relating to custom-house brokerage;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Ranney of West Windsor moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and forty-five minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property;

H. 290. An act to amend and consolidate No. 120 of the Acts of 1892 and all amendments and additions thereto, relating to the village of Essex Junction;

H. 394. An act relating to an armory in the village or city of Newport.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner.

In section 1, lines 7 and 8, by striking out the words "be two thousand" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *not exceed two thousand five hundred*.

Was considered and non-concurred in. (On a division: Yes 63, No 101).

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Bates, from the committee on claims,

S. 19. An act to pay John G. Diekman the sum therein named.



By Mr. Dunbar, from the committee on public health,

S. 117. An act to amend section 5436 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 217 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the general duties of health officers.

Mr. Higgins, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 72. An act to amend No. 196 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Higgins of Arlington moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Friday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 80, No 77.)

Mr. Dalrymple, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 160. An act to amend paragraphs 2 and 12 and to repeal paragraph 7 of section 2 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended and to amend section 5 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended, relating to the village of West Derby, abolishing the highway district of West Derby;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Taylor of Derby the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Clift, from the committee on federal relations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 303. An act to amend section 2690 of the Public Statutes as amended, relating to legal holidays: providing that Lincoln's birthday shall be a legal holiday;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:



By Mr. Eaton, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 322. An act to repeal and amend certain sections of No. 188 of the Acts of 1898: abolishing the highway district of West Derby.

By Mr. Day, from the same committee,

H. 341. An act to incorporate the village of Alburg.

By Mr. Noble, from the committee on claims,

H. 373. An act to pay the Weekly Underwriter the sum therein named.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 12, after the word "state" by inserting the following: *at least sixty-five per cent of whose estate at the time of his decease is located or invested without this state;*

*Second.* In the same section, line 34, after the word "may" by inserting the words *in the discretion of the probate court be appointed to;*

*Third.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 2 as follows:

*Sec. 2. As condition precedent to the right of any foreign trust company to act in any of the capacities named in the preceding section, such trust company shall file a stipulation with the commissioner of taxes in which it agrees that any funds, securities or property held by such trust company by virtue of any appointment under section one of this act, shall be taxed in the same manner and to the same extent as funds of the same character held by a trust company in this state.*

*Fourth.* By renumbering section 2 as section 3.



The bill was read the second time, the first two amendments were severally agreed to, and pending the question, Will the House amend the bill as thirdly proposed by the committee? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Austin, from the committee on education, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 238. An act to accept the benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to provide for the promotion of vocational education;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 11, by inserting in the blank the words and figures *February 21, 1917*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Waite, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 272. An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 7, line 2, by inserting in the blank the word *four*;

*Second.* In section 9, by striking out all of the section after the word "shall" in line 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *subject to such regulations, receive and treat persons suffering from tuberculosis, and be open to the public.*

*Third.* In section 12, line 5, by striking out the word "September" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *December*.

*Fourth.* In section 13, by striking out all of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*The expense for caring for patients receiving treatment in such hospital shall be met by payments under the provisions*



of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912, and amendments thereto, provided, however, that the board of trustees may make such regulations as they deem proper for the admission of private patients and patients able to pay a part of the expense only, payment of the remainder to be made under the provisions of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912, and amendments thereto; and provided further that the payments by the state for the care of any patient shall in no case exceed ten dollars per week.

*Fifth.* In section 13, line 6, by striking out the word "days" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *weeks*.

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 14, line 29, by striking out the words "of the bonds" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *grand list of the counties so voting*;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Deyette, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 217. An act to tax unregistered motor vehicles;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Barber, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 323. An act to repeal No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the direct primary and providing for a referendum;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Moore of Plymouth the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:



H. 225. An act relating to the apprehension and surrender of fugitives from justice;

H. 317. An act relating to repairing, building or re-building bridges;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has on its part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 17.) Joint resolution endorsing the position of Ex-president William H. Taft in advocating a league to enforce peace;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the third day of March he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 31. An act to allow towns to vote scholarships to deserving students.

And on the eighth day of March he approved and signed bills of the following titles:

S. 53. An act to prevent cruelty to animals;

S. 74. An act relating to the report of the Public Service Commission to the General Assembly;

S. 96. An act relating to the qualifications of officials taking acknowledgements;

S. 102. An act to amend section 5363 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 152 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery; changing the place of meeting of the state board of medical registration.

On motion of Mr. Matot of Poultney, the House adjourned.



MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Dana of New Haven offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 17.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy be extended to John R. Dillon, representative from Duxbury, and his family, in their affliction caused by the critical illness of their son with that dread disease, infantile paralysis, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Dillon;

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House the following memorial:

MEMORIAL.

*Whereas*, the Vermont Legislature being now in Session at Montpelier and the time and opportunity seeming to be fully come for action,

*Therefore, Resolved:* That Killington Pomona Grange at a session held at Rutland, Vermont, March 9th, 1917, an industrial and fraternal organization whose greatest prosperity is promoted by peace and its associated blessings, nevertheless, feel called upon to suggest to the lawmakers of our State the prime necessity of taking such action during the present session as will place the good old State of Vermont in the column of those in sympathy with our national Government that support with all patriotic zeal that type of national dignity violated by the piratical and barbarous warfare of the German nation upon the high seas of the world.

*Resolved:* That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the City press and notice of the same forwarded to our representatives at Montpelier.

S. L. PECK,

*For the Committee.*

Which was read and referred to the committee on military affairs.

The Speaker read the following letter:



1601 K Street.

Presiding Officers,

Legislature of Vermont,

Montpelier, Vermont.

*Gentlemen:*

May I ask you to express to the respective bodies you represent my heartfelt gratitude for the tribute which you paid to my husband, George Dewey, Admiral of the Navy, in the resolution you passed upon hearing of his death.

Very truly yours,

MILDRED MCLEAN DEWEY.

February 23, 1917.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 19. An act to pay John G. Diekman the sum therein named;

S. 117. An act to amend section 5436 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 217 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the general duties of health officers.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 232. An act to amend section 6144 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 184 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts;

H. 238. An act to accept the benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to provide for the promotion of vocational education;

H. 272. An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis;

H. 322. An act to repeal and amend certain sections of No. 188 of the Acts of 1898; abolishing the highway district of Derby Center;

H. 341. An act to incorporate the village of Alburg;



H. 373. An act to pay the Weekly Underwriter the sum therein named.

Mr. Kingsbury, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks; providing a penalty for failure to perform services;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waite of Shoreham, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

H. 83. An act relating to the taking of fur-bearing animals in Franklin county;

H. 135. An act to amend section 48 of No. 210 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 182 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides;

H. 180. An act to amend section 20 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to witness and jurors fees in municipal or city court;



H. 218. An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby;

H. 369. An act relating to fishing in Lake Eden;

H. 374. An act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wells to maintain a screen at the outlet of Lake St. Catherine;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 263. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the State and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Fullam, from the general committee, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 403. An act to amend section 5 of No. 109 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the warning of town and village meetings;

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Joint Resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 17.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That we heartily endorse the position of William Howard Taft, Ex-President of the United States and President of the American Branch of the League to Enforce Peace, in advocating that after the close of the present war, the United States take the initiative in forming a League of Nations to guarantee the future peace of the world.



Was read and pending the question, Will the House adopt the joint resolution in concurrence? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the joint resolution be referred to a committee;

Which was agreed to and the Speaker referred the same to the committee on judiciary.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 348. An act to authorize the village of Alburg to acquire land for sewer purposes.

By Mr. Webster, from the committee on ways and means,

H. 397. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved February 7, 1917, entitled "An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes."

Mr. Amidon, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 173. An act relating to head lights and spot lights on vehicles;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 8, after the word "load" by inserting the words *when vehicles are approaching each other from opposite directions*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 9, by changing the capital letter "S" to a small letter;

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Fullam, from the same committee, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 347. An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Whenever a person purchases a lot or portion of land for burial purposes in the cemeteries owned by the town of Ryegate and has no deed for it and does not pay for the same within one year from the date of purchase, the title thereto shall revert to the cemetery commissioners of said town upon giving to the purchaser a written or printed notice of their intention to take possession of such land, at the expiration of thirty days, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and if the residence of the purchaser is unknown such notice shall be published three weeks successively in some newspaper circulating in said town; provided, that if such land has been used for burial purposes the title thereto shall not revert to said cemetery commissioners until six months after the notice above mentioned has been given, at the expiration of which period said cemetery commissioners may remove all bodies interred therein and cause them to be interred in public lots provided for burial purposes.*

*Sec. 2. Said cemetery commissioners shall erect a suitable marker at the grave of the bodies interred in public lots, as provided in section 1 of this act.*

*Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

The amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Gates, from the same committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 354. An act to provide uniform traffic regulations;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:



*Section 1. The terms "highway," "roads," "public highway," or "public road" as used in this act or in chapter 176 of the Public Statutes and amendments thereof (and in this act Chap. 192 G. L., as proposed) shall include a highway or thoroughfare of any kind used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise. Wherever the terms "reasonable care," "due care" or terms of like import are used in this act they shall be taken to mean such care as a reasonably cautious and prudent person would have used under the same or similar circumstances.*

*Sec. 2. A person shall not operate or cause to be operated a vehicle of any kind upon any of the public highways of this state contrary to any of the following provisions:*

*(1) Meeting. Vehicles meeting while moving in opposite directions shall exercise due care and shall each keep to the right of the center of the highway so as to pass without interference, and at a rate of speed not exceeding twenty miles an hour.*

*(2) Right of way. Except as hereinafter provided, all vehicles shall give the right of way to other vehicles approaching at intersecting highways from the right; and shall have right of way over those approaching from the left; provided that street cars and plainly designated police department, fire department and United States mail vehicles and ambulances shall at all times have the right of way over other vehicles; and provided, further, that wherever traffic officers are stationed, they shall have full power to regulate traffic irrespective of the foregoing provisions.*

*(3) Intersecting highways. All intersection highways shall be approached and entered slowly and with due care to avoid accident. In making a turn to the right into an intersecting highway vehicles shall keep to the right of the center of both intersecting highways and close to the right-hand side of the same. In making a turn to the left into an intersecting highway, the operator or driver of the vehicle about to make such turn shall reduce speed as an indication of his intention to make the turn and pass to the right of and beyond the center of the highway intersection before turning.*

*(4) Overtaking. A vehicle overtaking another vehicle going in the same direction shall pass to the left of the vehicle so overtaken, but in so doing shall exercise due care and shall not pass to the left of the center of the highway unless the way ahead is clear of approaching traffic. The vehicle overtaken*



shall promptly, upon signal, turn as far as possible to the right-hand side of the highway in order to allow free passage on its left.

(5) *Obstructed view.* No vehicle shall pass another from the rear at the top of a hill or on a curve where the view ahead is in any wise obstructed, or while the vehicle ahead is crossing an intersecting highway or is about to turn into the same.

(6) *Passing street cars.* The driver or operator of every vehicle shall bring the same to a full stop not less than five feet from the rear of any street car headed in the same direction which has stopped for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, and remain standing until such car has taken on or discharged its passengers, provided, however, that in cities, towns and villages where the streets are of sufficient width, outside of street car tracks, to permit the safe passage of vehicles under such circumstances this regulation may be modified by local ordinance or regulation.

(7) *Slow moving vehicles.* In cities, towns and villages or other places where vehicular traffic is heavy, slow-moving vehicles shall keep at all times as close to the right-hand side of the highway as reasonably practicable.

(8) *Curves.* All curves shall be approached and entered with due care to avoid accident, and all vehicles rounding the same shall keep as far to the right hand side of the highway as reasonably practicable, and proceed with due care to avoid accident.

(9) *Divided streets and circular highways.* On divided streets or other highways and also in passing around a circular driveway, all vehicles shall enter, keep and leave to the right unless traffic signs conspicuously posted indicate otherwise.

(10) *Turning, stopping and backing.* A person shall not turn or back a vehicle of any kind in a public highway without taking due and reasonable care to avoid injury to other users of the highway in so doing. A vehicle shall not be driven in a backward direction farther than is absolutely necessary to avoid accident, or to proceed on its way.

(11) *Barriers.* A person shall not drive any vehicle over any highway across which there is a barrier or a sign indicating that such highway is closed to public travel.



*A person who violates a provision of this act shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.*

*Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee? Mr. Rublee of Berkshire moved to amend the amendment,

*First. By inserting a new section to be numbered section 3 as follows:*

*Sec. 3. A copy of this act shall be furnished by the Secretary of State to each person who procures an automobile operator's license.*

*Second. By renumbering section 3 as section 4.*

Which was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Gates of Franklin moved to further amend the amendment,

*First. In section 2, subdivision (3), line 1, by striking out the word "intersection" and inserting in lieu thereof the word intersecting;*

*Second. In the same section, subdivision (4), line 6, by striking out the words "as far as possible";*

Which amendments were severally agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee as now amended? It was decided in the affirmative, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Porter of Sharon, moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was disagreed to.

Mr. Haynes of Orange moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused to adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Will the House now adjourn? It was decided in the affirmative.



AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases;

H. 207. An act to authorize the village of Proctor to issue bonds for the purpose therein named.

H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;

H. 357. An act relating to the sale of tuberculin in the State of Vermont;

H. 358. An act relating to the highway bridge over the railway track in the village of Proctor;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate insists upon its proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner.



And asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

And the President has appointed as the members of the part of the Senate of such committee,

Senator Morse,  
Dimond,  
Vilas.

Mr. Bailey, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bills of the following titles:

H. 41. An act to amend section 5623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dog licenses;

H. 50. An act relating to the killing of dogs;

H. 93. An act to amend sections 5625, 5627, 5630 and 5640 as amended by No. 277 of the Acts of 1912, sections 5641, 5642, 5644, 5646, 5647 and to repeal section 5648 of the Public Statutes, relating to dog licenses;

H. 162. An act to amend section 5623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 226 of the Acts of 1912, relating to dog licenses;

H. 208. An act relating to dogs running at large;

H. 209. An act permitting the killing of dogs found at large.

Reported substitute bills of the following titles:

H. 404. An act to amend section 5650 of the Public Statutes, relating to dogs running at large;

H. 405. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1912, relating to dogs;

Which were read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 385. An act to amend subdivision III of section 510 of the Public Statutes, relating to taxation of registered stock;



Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Will the House amend the bill as moved by Mr. Matot of Poultney? (See page 414.) It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 116. Nays, 99.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Barrett of Cabot, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,	Field,	O'Sullivan,
Aiken,	Finney,	Osgood of Rockingham,
Aldrich,	Fitzgerald,	Osgood of Rutland,
Allbee,	Fogg,	Parker of Bradford,
Allen of Wolcott,	Foley,	Parker of Lowell,
Amidon,	Gates,	Parker of W. Rutland,
Austin,	Gridley,	Perrin,
Ball of Maidstone,	Hale,	Pirie,
Barrett,	Hall of Isle La Motte,	Porter,
Bates,	Hayes,	Preston,
Becker,	Haynes,	Prouty,
Beers,	Hemingway,	Rawson,
Bellows of Cambridge,	Higgins of Arlington,	Ricker,
Bellows of Swanton,	Higgins of Woodford,	Robinson of Jamaica,
Bentley,	Hill,	Rood,
Blanchard,	Hinds,	Russell,
Bliss,	Howland,	Seaver,
Briggs,	Hutchinson,	Sergeant,
Bronson,	Johnson of Huntington,	Shanley,
Brown of Berlin,	Johnson of Wardsboro,	Shepard,
Brown of Peru,	Kelly,	Shores,
Buck,	King,	Sinclair,
Buxton,	Leach,	Stanton,
Campbell of Sutton,	Legate,	Stedman,
Cannon,	Leonard,	Steele,
Casey,	Lynough,	Stiles,
Chessmore,	McLam,	Sweeney,
Cummings,	Martin of Westfield,	Taylor of Greensboro,
Cunnington,	Matot,	Tenney,
Dana,	Meech,	Waite of Weston,
Day,	Metsger,	Webster,
Demick,	Miles,	Wellinger,
Dike,	Miller of Hancock,	West,
Drake,	Miner,	Whitford,
Dunbar,	Moore of Ludlow,	Williams of Pawlet,
Dunn,	Moore of Pomfret,	Wooster,
Dwinell,	Noonan,	Wright of Coventry,
Eaton,	O'Brien,	Young,
Fenton,	O'Dowd,	

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Bucklin,	Cox,
Allen of Vernon,	Burroughs,	Cudworth,
Andrews,	Button,	Curtis,
Archer,	Candon,	Deyette,
Atwood,	Carlton,	Dunham of Athens,
Ayer,	Carpenter,	Dunham of Brattleboro,
Bailey,	Chamberlin,	Dunton,
Baker,	Chapman of Concord,	Esden,
Baldwin,	Chapman of Windham,	Finnegan,
Ball of Newark,	Chase,	Flint,
Barber,	Cheney,	Fullam,
Beard,	Clift,	Gill,
Belknap,	Coburn of E. Montpelier,	Hall of Elmore,
Bell,	Coburn of Jay,	Hayden,
Brown of Orwell,	Collins,	Hemenway,
Bryant,	Cook,	Hicks,



Hooper,  
 Howe,  
 Hunt,  
 Irish,  
 Jennison,  
 Johnson of Somerset,  
 Ladd,  
 LaFleur,  
 McCray,  
 McLaughlin,  
 Martin of Winhall,  
 Merrifield,  
 Miller of Westminster,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 Noble,  
 O'Neil,  
 Orcutt,

Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Phelps,  
 Philips,  
 Pike of Stowe,  
 Pike of Stratton,  
 Pollard,  
 Potter,  
 Puffer,  
 Ralph,  
 Ranney,  
 Richardson,  
 Robinson of Bridgewater,  
 Root,  
 Roys,  
 Rublee,  
 Ryan,  
 Smalley,

Smith of Brownington,  
 Spalding,  
 Stearns,  
 Stoddard,  
 Taggart,  
 Taylor of Derby,  
 Taylor of Tinmouth,  
 Trouville,  
 Waite of Shoreham,  
 Walker,  
 Wheeler,  
 White,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Proctor,  
 Wilson of Bristol,  
 Wilson of Pownal,  
 Wright of Waltham.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bix,  
 Bond,  
 Brooks,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Dillon,  
 Gray,  
 Hall of Woodbury,  
 Hardy,  
 Hight,  
 Holbrook,  
 Hopkins,  
 Johnson of Craftsbury,  
 Kimball,  
 Kingsbury,  
 Lamb,  
 Lawson,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Mott,  
 Parsons,  
 Perkins of Waterbury,  
 Reirden,  
 Smith of St. Albans City,  
 Stuart,  
 Tuttle,  
 Walter,  
 Warren.

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Plymouth moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, line 5, by striking out the words "and sheep" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *sheep and swine*;



Which was agreed to, whereupon pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Rublee of Berkshire moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 136, No 54.)

House bill, entitled

H. 323. An act to repeal No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the direct primary and providing for a referendum;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Upon the question of rejection, Mr. Sinclair of Essex demanded the yeas and nays but his demand was not sustained.

House bill, entitled

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies, relating to custom-house brokerage;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Steele of Highgate asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

By striking out section 4;

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 118. Nays, 101.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Steele of Highgate, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,

Archer,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Beers,

Belknap,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Blanchard,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,



Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Burton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chase,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Eaton,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hill,  
Hinds,

Hooper,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Dowd,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,

Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Rawson,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walker,  
West,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Becker,  
Bell,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Casey,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Cheesmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Demick,  
Deyette,

Dike,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Esden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hayes,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,

Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Pirie,  
Porter,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Sergeant,  
Shores,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Timouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Young.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bix,  
Bond,  
Brooks,



Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Gray,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hight,  
Holbrook,  
Hopkins,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Miller of Troy,  
Mott,  
Parsons,  
Reirden,  
Stuart,  
Tuttle,  
Walter,  
Warren.

On motion of Mr. Gill of Springfield, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Puffer, chairman of the committee on highways and bridges, asked and had leave for that committee to sit during the morning session.

Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the Senate be requested to return to the possession of the House Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled



H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Ranney of West Windsor.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 406. An act to amend section 4950 of the Public Statutes, relating to the contents of creamery statements, and to repeal sections 4951 and 4952 as amended by No. 178 of the Acts of 1912.

By Mr. Prouty, from the committee on military affairs,

H. 407. An act to amend section 1 of an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the militia", approved March 3, 1917.

By Mr. Dunham, from the committee on conservation,

H. 408. An act to amend section 273 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 9 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Vermont Historical Society.

By Mr. Tenney, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 409. An act to amend sections 3994 and 4005 of the Public Statutes, and to amend section 3998 of the Public Statutes, relating to control and maintenance of selected highways and increasing state highway tax.

By Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 411. An act to amend section 4532 of the Public Statutes, as amended, and to amend section 4605 of the



Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of free transportation by railroads, prohibiting the issuance of such transportation to the public service commission and its employees.

By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 412. An act to amend paragraph A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 187 of the Acts of 1915; changing dates in which wild ducks and wild geese may be taken and possessed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on conservation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 195. An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners of lands and prescribing their duties.

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 410. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers.

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 173. An act relating to headlights and spot lights on vehicles;

H. 348. An act to authorize the village of Alburg to acquire land for sewer purposes;

H. 354. An act to provide uniform traffic regulations.

House bill, entitled

H. 347. An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes;

Was read the third time and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Fullam of Chester moved that the title be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes in the town of Ryegate;*

Which was agreed to.



House bill, entitled

H. 397. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved February 7, 1917, entitled "An Act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes";

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Pirie of Williamstown asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 8, by striking out the article "an" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *one*;

Which was disagreed to, and the bill was passed.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws.

In section 1, line 7, after the word "Monkton" by inserting the words *Bristol Pond in the town of Bristol*.

Was considered, and the question being, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? Mr. Bliss of Georgia moved that the House refuse to concur and ask for a committee of conference;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Bliss of Georgia,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
McCray of Rochester.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the State and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same.

*First.* In section 1, lines 4 and 5, by striking out the words "state geologist" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *state engineer*;



*Second.* In section 2, line 12, by striking out the words "state geologist" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *state engineer*.

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners.

*First.* In section 1, line 4, by striking out the word "annually" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *on or before the tenth day of May, 1917 and annually thereafter in the month of January,*

*Second.* In section 5, by adding at the end thereof the following: *But nothing in this act shall affect the nomination, appointment, election, drawing, service or compensation of grand or petit jurors chosen, drawn and summoned prior to the day on which this act takes effect.*

*Third.* In section 6, by striking out the words "from its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures *May 1, 1917.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on appropriations to which had been referred Senate joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 14.) Joint resolution to printing a memoria pamphlet to Rev. M. W. Farman;

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 103. An act to amend section 626 of the Public Statutes, relating to redemption of lands sold for taxes;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Smith of Brownington moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,



In section 1, line 11, after the word "of" by inserting the word *the*;

Which was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. O'Sullivan, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 107. An act to amend section 19 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the contents of the certificate of proposal to issue capital stock;

Reported in favor of its passage, in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Parker, from the committee on conservation,

H. 256. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the state geologist and curator of the state cabinet.

By Mr. Allen, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 314. An act relating to the open season for fishing in Forest Lake or Leach Pond.

By Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 398. An act to amend section 1366 of the Public Statutes, relating to the duties of the reporter of decisions.

Mr. Dunham, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 13.) Joint resolution relating to federal and state taxation of incomes and inheritances;

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence with a proposal of amendment,



By inserting before the last clause the following:

*Resolved that the Governor of this State be authorized to appoint one or more delegates to represent Vermont at such conference; and be it further.*

The joint resolution was read the second time, the proposal of amendment agreed to, and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

■ ■ Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 3, line 10, after the word "collected" by adding the following: ; *provided, however, that upon the death of a person who has been so supported, any estate of which he dies seized or possessed shall be liable for such charges as may have accrued prior to his death.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Martin, for a majority of the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 27.) Joint resolution relating to increasing the pay of certain employees of the General Assembly;

Reported adversely to its adoption on the part of the House.

Mr. Fitzgerald, for a minority of the same committee, reported that the same ought to be adopted on the part of the House;

And the question being, Shall the joint resolution be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 103, No 92.)

Mr. Moore, for a majority of the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 226. An act to amend section 6151 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 3 of No. 21 of the Acts of 1908, No. 246 of the Acts of 1912 and No. 228 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the salary of the bank commissioner;

Reported that the bill ought to pass;

Mr. Roys, for a minority of the same committee, reported that the bill ought to be rejected;

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Campbell of Belvidere, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has again considered House bill, entitled

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

And has passed the same in concurrence with a proposal of amendment. In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

I am directed by the Senate to return to the custody of the House agreeably to its request, Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.

House bill, entitled

H. 226. An act to amend section 6151 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 3 of No. 21 of the Acts of 1908, No. 246 of the Acts of 1912 and No. 228 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the salary of the bank commissioner;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.



House bill, entitled

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor of trustee;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Will the House amend the bill as thirdly proposed by the committee? (See page 420.) On motion of Mr. Root of Bennington the bill was ordered to lie.

House bill, entitled

H. 403. An act to amend section 5 of No. 109 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the warning of town and village meetings.

Was taken up, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow. (On a division: Yes 111, No 77).

House bill, entitled

H. 404. An act to amend section 5650 of the Public Statutes, relating to dogs running at large;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 5, by striking out the word "he" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *such person*;

Which was agreed to;

Mr. Bates of Moretown moved that the bill be recommitted;

Which was disagreed to. (On a division: Yes 40, No 141.)

Whereupon, Mr. Fitzgerald of Norwich moved that the bill be further amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 15, by striking out the words "or deputy sheriff" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *deputy sheriff or police officer*;



*Second.* In the same section, line 20, by making the same amendment;

Which amendments were severally agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the bill be further amended,

In the same section, lines 6 and 7, by striking out the words "its owner or keeper" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *the owner or keeper of such dog*;

Which amendment was agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved that the bill be further amended,

In the same section, line 16, after the word "owner" by inserting the words *and shall be paid from the dog fund of the town the sum of fifty cents for each notice given and one doollar for each dog killed*;

Which was agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Mott of Alburg moved that the bill be further amended,

*First.* In the same section, line 16, by striking out the words "within a reasonable time" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *at the expiration of one month*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 20, by striking out the words "shall and any person may" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *may*;

*Third.* In the same section, line 24, by making the same amendment;

Whereupon, Mr. Cannon of Northfield moved that the first amendment proposed by Mr. Mott be amended,

By striking out the word "month" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *week*;

Which motion was disagreed to and the amendments moved by Mr. Mott were severally disagreed to;



Whereupon, Mr. Cook of Thetford moved that the bill be further amended,

*First.* In section 1, lines 22 and 23, by striking out the words "or deputy sheriff" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *deputy sheriff or police officer*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 24, by making the same amendment;

Which amendments were severally agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Prouty of Newport moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, by striking out all of said section after the word "dog" where said word firstly appears in line 10;

Which was disagreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that debate on the pending question do now cease;

Which was agreed to;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative. (On a division: Yes 95, No 112.)

House bill, entitled

H. 405. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1912, relating to dogs.

Was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time. Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the bill be amended,

In section 5, line 7, after the word "licenses" by inserting the words *and tags*;

Which amendment was agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Ludlow, moved that the bill be further amended,



In section 1, line 13, by striking out the words "two dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *one dollar*;

Which amendment was disagreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, line 19, after the word "him" by inserting the words *except a female dog registered in the American Kennel Club, upon which the owner or keeper shall pay a license fee of two dollars*:

Which amendment was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time: It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Yeas, 105. Nays, 104.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Moore of Plymouth, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Amidon,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Demick,

Deyette,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Fogg,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hayes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kimball,  
Ladd,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Merrifield,  
Metsger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Noonan,

O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Pirie,  
Puffer,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Seaver,  
Smalley,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Warren,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Finney,	O'Sullivan,
Adams of West Haven,	Fitzgerald,	Orcutt,
Aiken,	Flint,	Phillips,
Aldrich,	Foley,	Pike of Stratton,
Allen of Wolcott,	Hale,	Pollard,
Allen of Vernon,	Hall of Elmore,	Porter,
Andrews,	Hall of Isle La Motte,	Potter,
Archer,	Hayden,	Prouty,
Ayer,	Haynes,	Ralph,
Baker,	Hemingway,	Ranney,
Ball of Newark,	Hicks,	Rawson,
Beard,	Hill,	Reirden,
Becker,	Hopkins,	Richardson,
Beers,	Howe,	Ricker,
Belknap,	Johnson of Huntington,	Robinson of Bridgewater,
Bellows of Swanton,	Johnson of Somerset,	Robinson of Jamaica,
Bentley,	Kelley,	Sergeant,
Bronson,	LaFleur,	Shanley,
Brown of Peru,	Lamb,	Shepard,
Bryant,	Lawson,	Shores,
Button,	Leach,	Sinclair,
Carlton,	Legate,	Smith of Brownington,
Chamberlin,	Leonard,	Stanton,
Chapman of Concord,	Lynough,	Steele,
Chase,	Martin of Winhall,	Stoddard,
Collins,	Matot,	Taggart,
Cook,	Miles,	Taylor of Derby,
Day,	Miller of Hancock,	Taylor of Greensboro,
Dike,	Miner,	Trouville,
Drake,	Moore of Ludlow,	Walker,
Dunbar,	Moore of Plymouth,	Webster,
Dunham, of Athens,	Moore of Pomfret,	Wellinger,
Dunn,	Mott,	West,
Eden,	Noble,	Whitney.
Finnegan,	O'Dowd,	

## Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bix,  
 Blanchard,  
 Briggs,  
 Brown of Orwell,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Casey,  
 Chessmore,  
 Coburn of Jay,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Dillon,  
 Field,  
 Gray,  
 Hardy,  
 Hemenway,  
 Higgins of Woodford,  
 King,  
 Kingsbury,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Meech,  
 Parker of Bradford,  
 Parker of Lowell,  
 Parker of West Rutland,



Parsons,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Preston,  
Ruble,ee,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stuart,  
Tuttle,  
Walter,  
Wilson of Pownal.

Mr. Pollard, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 1. An act to amend section 4 of No. 200 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by No. 174 of the Acts of 1915, relating to persons convicted of being found intoxicated.

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Hunt, from the committee on appropriations,

H. 120. An act to appropriate a sum of one thousand dollars to assist in the improving of the Mount Tabor road leading westerly from Weston to Danby.

By Mr. Chessmore, from the same committee,

H. 152. An act to appropriate a sum not to exceed eight thousand dollars to assist the town of Concord in constructing a highway leading from Miles Pond to East Concord.

By Mr. Robinson, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 201. An act to amend section 1 of No. 166 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act to regulate the sale and distribution of electric energy," granting preference to those using electricity within an adjoining municipal corporation.



By Mr. Blanchard, from the committee on appropriations,

H. 241. An act to appropriate a sum not to exceed three thousand dollars to assist in improving the highway leading from East Arlington in the town of Arlington to Wardsboro.

By Mr. Perrin, from the same committee,

H. 331. An act to aid the town of Dorset in repairing a certain highway.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 178. An act to amend sections 72, 74 and 75 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the appointment of fish and game wardens; abolishing the office of county and deputy fish and game wardens, and fixing salaries of fish and game wardens;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected. Mr. Moore of Plymouth moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Prouty, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission;

Reported that that the bill ought not to be read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Brooks of Montpelier, the bill was ordered to lie.

Mr. Gill, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 400. An act to prohibit the use of labels attached by wire to bags of feed or grain;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected. It was decided in the negative, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Bradford, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, introduced bills of the following titles:

H. 413. An act to authorize the Fair Haven Graded School District to issue bonds;

H. 414. An act to amend section 2 of No. 299 of the Acts of 1910 in amendment of No. 248 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act empowering the town of Brighton to purchase and construct a water system and to issue bonds";

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 13.) Joint resolution relating to federal and state taxation of incomes and inheritances;

Was read the third time and adopted in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 14.) Joint resolution relating to printing a memorial pamphlet to Rev. M. W. Farman;

Was read the third time and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 103. An act to amend section 626 of the Public Statutes, relating to redemption of lands sold for taxes;



Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 107. An act to amend section 19 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the contents of the certificate of proposal to issue capital stock;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 256. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the state geologist and curator of the state cabinet;

H. 314. An act relating to the open season for fishing in Forest Lake or Leach Pond;

H. 398. An act to amend section 1366 of the Public Statutes, relating to the duties of the reporter of decisions;

H. 400. An act to prohibit the use of labels attached by wire to bags of feed or grain.

House bill, entitled

H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry, the bill was recommitted to the committee.

House bill, entitled

H. 403. An act to amend section 5 of No. 109 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the warning of town and village meetings;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Barber of Wilmington asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 7, after the word "shall" by inserting the words *on petition of ten legal voters*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.



House bill, entitled

H. 405. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1912, relating to dogs;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Pirie of Williamstown asked leave to offer an amendment,

In section 1, line 13, by striking out the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *one*;

Which motion the Speaker ruled not to be in order by reason of the fact that the same amendment was yesterday proposed and rejected. (See House Journal, page 449.)

After discussion of the question of the passage of the bill Mr. Warren of Kirby moved that debate on the pending question do now cease;

Which was agreed to.

And the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 99. Nays, 125.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Moore of Plymouth, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Allbee,  
Amidon,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Bell,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,

Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Fogg,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Hayes,  
Hemenway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,

Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Ladd,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metsger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,



Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Puffer,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roya,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Smalley,

Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,

Warren,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Ball of Newark,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Button,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Eden,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,

Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Foley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle LaMotte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Hill,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,

Perkins of Plainfield,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Russell,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stanton,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Walker,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wilson of Pownal.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Ball of Maidstone,  
Blanchard,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hardy,  
Hicks,  
Kingsbury,



Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Ruble,  
Tenney,  
Walter.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

In section 1, lines 9 and 10, by striking out the words "and no appropriation shall extend beyond such period";

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorable from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Puffer, from the committee on highways and bridges,

S. 14. An act to amend section 3921 of the Public Statutes, relating to roads for the removal of lumber.

By Mr. Allen, from the committee on temperance,

S. 69. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of fourth class licenses, conferring on the commissioner of taxes certain duties heretofore performed by the Secretary of State.

By Mr. Sinclair, from the committee on municipal corporations,

S. 99. An act to authorize the town of Barre to issue bonds for the purpose therein named.

Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all of section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Section 1. A tax assessed upon mortgaged real estate in this state may be paid by the mortgagee or assignee of the mortgage upon said property, and the amount so paid, including costs, if any, shall thereupon be added to and become a part of the debt or obligation secured by such mortgage;*

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fenton, for a majority of the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 70. An act to create a board of control;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence

Mr. Cudworth; for a minority of the same committee, reported adversely to its passage in concurrence,

And pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Reirden of Barton moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In section 5, lines 22 to 28, inclusive, by striking out the following: "Said board of control shall have power to direct any other state board, institution, commission, officer or department to dismiss any person appointed or employed by it, and when such a board, institution, commission, officer or department is so directed by the board of control, it shall immediately dismiss such person."

Which motion was agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? On motion of Mr. Seaver of Washington, the House adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:



S. 120. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;

S. 123. An act relating to the establishment by the state of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;

S. 124. An act to amend section 4 of No. 280 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 268 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the erection of a memorial to Commodore Thomas MacDonough;

S. 125. An act relating to contracts for labor;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

H. 228. An act to amend section 4928 of the Public Statutes, relating to the standard of milk as paying basis; decreasing the per cent of butter fat;

H. 235. An act relating to the inspection of meat;

H. 268. An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 11, 14 and 15 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, and section 6142 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 245 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties and salary of the Secretary of State increasing salary of Secretary of State and relieving commissioner of taxes from duties as commissioner of foreign corporations;

H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons;

H. 360. An act to authorize the Governor to lease lands;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

H. 196. An act to amend section 16 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, by adding thereto another paragraph, relating to security in case of exceptions to supreme court;



And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 70. An act to create a board of control.

Was taken up as unfinished business, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time. Mr. Spalding of Warren moved that debate on the pending question do now cease;

Which was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time. It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Yeas, 113. Nays, 111.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Amidon,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Cheesmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Dike,  
Drake,

Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hooper,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Metsger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,

Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Roys,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Smalley,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Young.



. Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Ayer,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Peru,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chase,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Eaton,  
Eden,

Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,

Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Dowd,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Ranney,  
Richardson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Russell,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Campbell of Belvidere,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Gray,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hicks,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Ricker,  
Ruble,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stearns,  
Tenney.

House bills of the following titles were severally taken read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:



H. 406. An act to amend section 4950 of the Public Statutes, relating to the contents of creamery statements, and to repeal sections 4951 and 4952 as amended by No. 178 of the Acts of 1912:

H. 411. An act to amend section 4532 of the Public Statutes, as amended, and to amend section 4605 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of free transportation by railroads, prohibiting the issuance of such transportation to the public service commission and its employees;

H. 412. An act to amend paragraph A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 187 of the Acts of 1915; changing dates in which wild ducks and wild geese may be taken and possessed.

House bill, entitled

H. 407. An act to amend section 1 of an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to establish the militia," approved March 3, 1917;

Was taken up, read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Prouty of Newport the bill was recommitted to the committee.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the fourteenth day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 6. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 71. An act granting to Roy G. Rockwell and Barney E. Lewis a ferry across Lake Champlain between and Swanton;

H. 149. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 179 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream;



H. 159. An act to amend section 5128 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to license fees;

H. 168. An act to amend section 2 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and by section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to salaries of inspectors in the department of weights and measures;

H. 171. An act to amend paragraph A. of section 27 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by paragraph A of Section 1 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1915 by including golden trout;

H. 176. An act to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health;

H. 187. An act to provide for repairs and alterations to the courthouse in Windsor county;

H. 198. An act to amend paragraph (b) of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

H. 249. An act to protect certain game birds on Joe's pond;

H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 121 of the Acts of 1908, relating to trade-marks;

H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores;

H. 297. An act to amend section 4517 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 144 of the Acts of 1915, relating to loitering in railroad stations and telephone offices;

H. 307. An act to enable the proprietors and pew owners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chelsea to make repairs to said church and remove and rearrange pews therein;



H. 312. An act to change the name of Leach pond to Forest lake;

H. 319. An act to provide for warning signs at draw-bridges;

H. 325. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the codification and amendment of the fish and game laws; permitting fishing in Lake Dunmore;

H. 327. An act to provide for the issuing of duplicate fishing and hunting licenses;

House bill, entitled

H. 408. An act to amend section 273 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 9 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Vermont Historical Society;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro the bill was committed to the committee on appropriations.

House bill, entitled

H. 410. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time. On motion of Mr. Howland of Barre City, the bill was recommended to the committee.

Mr. Stiles, from the committee on temperance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 364. An act to repeal No. 197 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of licensed premises by license commissioners;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. Williams of Proctor the bill was ordered to lie.

Mr. Young, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 380. An act relating to dealers in evergreen trees;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the rules be suspended and that the House reconsider its vote whereby it passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment, Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Which motions were severally agreed to, and pending the recurring question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence with a proposal of amendment? Mr. Howland moved that the House propose to the Senate to further amend the bill

By adding a new section to be numbered section 4 as follows:

*Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1917.*

Which motion was agreed to and the bill was passed in]concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 120. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;  
To the committee on public health.

S. 123. An act relating to the establishments by the state of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;  
To the committee on appropriations.

S. 124. An act to amend section 4 of No. 280 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 268 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the erection of a memorial to Commodore Thomas MacDonough;

To the general committee.

S. 125. An act relating to contracts for labor;  
To the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Metzger, from the committee on state institutions, offered the following report:

*To the House of Representatives:*

The committee on state institutions to which was assigned the duty of visiting and investigating the School for Feeble-Minded at Brandon respectfully report that they have made such investigation and beg leave to report their findings as follows:

The school has been passing through the unavoidable handicaps that attend the beginnings of any organization and, of necessity, presents the conditions that are concomitant with the early development of a new enterprise. The board of trustees to which has been assigned this task has discharged its duty at considerable personal sacrifice and with a thorough devotion to the task assigned it be the State.

The superintendent has given himself unreservedly to the work of establishing the school and putting it on a working basis. If any criticism were to be made against the work of the head of the institution, it would be to the effect that he has undertaken too much and endeavored to assume the responsibility of too many of the tasks involved in the management of the school. He is to be credited with a fine desire to aid to the extent of his strength and ability in carrying out the wishes of the board. The committee believes that a better division of labor will lend to greater efficiency especially with respect to the management of the farm.

From the testimony taken at the hearings, the committee is of the unanimous opinion that there is absolutely no foundation to the reports that the children are made to suffer from abusive treatment. The great weight of evidence would go to show that the children are well treated, are well fed, and their interests are solicitously attended to. The living quarters of the children are kept in the best of order and cleanliness is evidently an unbroken law of the school.

Some testimony was given which would tend to show that some of the children were not always clothed as warmly as could be desired. It was learned that some of the boys were allowed to work out of doors during the cold weather



when they were without sufficient clothing. This condition, however, did not prevail to such a degree as to warrant a charge of abuse.

Much creditable testimony was given with respect to the friendly interest taken in the children and it is believed that when the school is established in the new quarters which will be ready for occupancy this coming summer, the children will be much better cared for than is possible under existing conditions.

FRASER METZGER,

*For the Committee.*

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 415. An act to empower Fire District No. 1 in St. Johnsbury to construct and maintain a water system and to issue bonds;

Which was read the first time, whereupon on motion of Mr. Tuttle the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on claims, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 416. An act to pay Henry Dumas the sum therein named;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Root of Bennington called up House bill, entitled

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:



S. 14. An act to amend section 3921 of the Public Statutes, relating to roads for the removal of lumber;

S. 69. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of fourth class licenses, conferring on the commissioner of taxes certain duties heretofore performed by the Secretary of State.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 70. An act to create a board of control;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence with a proposal of amendment? Mr. Moore of Ludlow asked leave to offer a further proposal of amendment;

Which request was refused;

Whereupon, Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused to grant leave to Mr. Moore to offer his proposal of amendment;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Will the House grant leave to Mr. Moore to offer his proposal of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Moore then offered the following proposal of amendment:

In section 1, line 2, by striking out the words "commissioner of agriculture" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *auditor of accounts*;

Which proposal of amendment was agreed go.

Yes, 115. Nays, 105.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Williams of Proctor, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Austin,

Ayer,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,

Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,



Campbell of Sutton,  
 Carlton,  
 Carpenter,  
 Chapman of Concord,  
 Chapman of Windham,  
 Clift,  
 Collins,  
 Cudworth,  
 Cunningham,  
 Curtis,  
 Demick,  
 Drake,  
 Dunn,  
 Dunton,  
 Eaton,  
 Eaden,  
 Finnegan,  
 Fitzgerald,  
 Flint,  
 Fogg,  
 Foley,  
 Fullam,  
 Gill,  
 Hale,  
 Hall of Elmore,  
 Hayden,  
 Hayes,  
 Haynes,  
 Hill,  
 Hinds,  
 Holbrook,

Hopkins,  
 Howe,  
 Hutchinson,  
 Irish,  
 Johnson of Huntington,  
 Johnson of Somerset,  
 Johnson of Wardsboro,  
 King,  
 Kingsbury,  
 Lawson,  
 Leach,  
 Legate,  
 Leonard,  
 Lynough,  
 McLaughlin,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Martin of Winhall,  
 Merrifield,  
 Miles,  
 Miller of Hancock,  
 Miner,  
 Moore of Ludlow,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 O'Dowd,  
 Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Phelps,  
 Pike of Stowe,  
 Pike of Stratton,  
 Porter,  
 Potter,  
 Preston,

Ranney,  
 Richardson,  
 Ricker,  
 Robinson of Bridgewater,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Root,  
 Roys,  
 Shanley,  
 Shepard,  
 Shores,  
 Sinclair,  
 Stanton,  
 Stedman,  
 Steele,  
 Stiles,  
 Stoddard,  
 Taggart,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,  
 Trouville,  
 Waite of Weston,  
 Walker,  
 Walter,  
 Warren,  
 Webster,  
 Wellinger,  
 West,  
 Wilson of Pownal,  
 Wright of Coventry,  
 Wright of Waltham.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Alken,  
 Aldrich,  
 Amidon,  
 Atwood,  
 Bailey,  
 Baldwin,  
 Ball of Newark,  
 Barber,  
 Bates,  
 Belknap,  
 Bell,  
 Bellows of Cambridge,  
 Bliss,  
 Brooks,  
 Brown of Berlin,  
 Brown of Orwell,  
 Buck,  
 Bucklin,  
 Burroughs,  
 Button,  
 Buxton,  
 Candon,  
 Cannon,  
 Casey,  
 Chamberlin,  
 Chase,  
 Cheney,  
 Chessmore,  
 Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
 Cummings,  
 Dana,  
 Deyette,  
 Dike,  
 Dunham of Athens,  
 Dunham of Brattleboro,

Dwinell,  
 Fenton,  
 Field,  
 Gates,  
 Gridley,  
 Hall of Woodbury,  
 Hemenway,  
 Hemingway,  
 Hicks,  
 Higgins of Arlington,  
 Hight,  
 Hooper,  
 Howland,  
 Hunt,  
 Jennison,  
 Johnson of Craftsbury,  
 Kelly,  
 Kimball,  
 Ladd,  
 LaFleur,  
 Lamb,  
 McCray,  
 McLam,  
 Matot,  
 Meech,  
 Metzger,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Miller of Westminster,  
 Moore of Pomsret,  
 Mott,  
 Noble,  
 Noonan,  
 O'Brien,  
 O'Neil,  
 O'Sullivan,

Orcutt,  
 Osgood of Rockingham,  
 Osgood of Rutland,  
 Parker of Bradford,  
 Parker of W. Rutland,  
 Perkins of Waterbury,  
 Perrin,  
 Phillips,  
 Pirie,  
 Pollard,  
 Prouty,  
 Puffer,  
 Ralph,  
 Reirden,  
 Russell,  
 Ryan,  
 Seaver,  
 Smalley,  
 Smith of St. Albans City,  
 Spalding,  
 Stearns,  
 Stuart,  
 Sweeney,  
 Taylor of Derby,  
 Taylor of Tinmouth,  
 Tuttle,  
 Waite of Shoreham,  
 Wheeler,  
 White,  
 Whitford,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Pawlet,  
 Williams of Proctor,  
 Wilson of Bristol,  
 Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Campbell of Belvidere,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Day,  
Dillon,  
Dunbar,  
Finney,  
Gray,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Rawson,  
Rood,  
Ruble,  
Sergeant,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Tenney,  
Wooster.

Whereupon, Mr. Moore asked and had leave to offer a further proposal of amendment,

In the same section, lines 3 and 4, by striking out the words "a person to be appointed biennially by the governor with the advice and consent to the Senate" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *Speaker of the House of Representatives*.

Discussion ensued, and Mr. Demick of Holland moved that debate on the pending question do now cease.

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 100, No 93);

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby debate on the pending question was closed;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Shall debate on the pending question now cease? It was decided in the negative, and pending the question, Will the House agree to the proposal of amendment as made by Mr. Moore? On motion of Mr. Haynes of Orange, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 121. An act relating to investments by domestic life insurance companies;

S. 122. An act to amend section 20 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested:

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 224. An act to amend section 666 of the Public Statutes, relating to the delivery of tax bills;

H. 290. An act to amend and consolidate No. 120 of the Acts of 1892, and all amendments and additions thereto, relating to the village of Essex Junction;

H. 332. An act to amend No. 195 of the Acts of 1876 as amended by No. 95 of the Acts of 1890, relating to the charter of the Village of West Randolph;

H. 338. An act to amend section 4693 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 170 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the definition of domestic and foreign investment companies;

H. 340. An act to authorize the village of Waterbury to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a lighting system;

H. 341. An act to incorporate the village of Alburg;

H. 378. An act to amend No. 259 of the Acts of 1906, relating to Bellows Falls village corporation, empowering said village to take and hold property for the purposes therein named;

H. 381. An act to amend section 5 of No. 313 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issue of bonds by the Newbury Lighting district;



H. 394. An act relating to an armory in the village or city of Newport;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

H. 230. An act to amend section 3623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1912, relating to appropriation for musical entertainments and visiting nurse; limiting the amount appropriated therefor;

H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities, or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefor;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;

And has adopted the same on its part.

It has acceded to the request of the House for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;



And the President has appointed as members on the part of the Senate of such committee:

Senator Hawley,  
Howe,  
Aldrich.

Mr. Dana of New Haven in the chair.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 70. An act to create a board of control;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Will the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as moved by Mr. Moore of Ludlow? (See page 471) It was decided in the negative, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence with proposals of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 99. An act to authorize the town of Barre to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 72. An act to amend No. 196 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

H. 406. An act to amend section 4950 of the Public Statutes, relating to the contents of creamery statements, and to repeal sections 4951 and 5942 as amended by No. 178 of the Acts of 1912;



H. 411. An act to amend section 4532 of the Public Statutes, as amended, and to amend section 4605 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of free transportation by railroads, prohibiting the issuance of such transportation to the public service commission and its employees;

H. 412. An act to amend paragraph A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 187 of the Acts of 1915; changing dates in which wild ducks and wild geese may be taken and possessed.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the third Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:* The committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill No. 301, report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate recede from its third proposal of amendment.

*Second.* That the bill be amended in section 1, line 34, by striking out the words "commissioner of taxes" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *director of the Vermont Agricultural Extension Service*.

F. C. BANCROFT,  
A. LEE CADY,  
H. E. DAY,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

FRANK G. HOWLAND,  
MERTON F. BARBER,  
IRA H. LAFLEUR,

*Committee on the part of House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.



Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

*First.* In section 1, lines 16 to 23 (of the bill as amended in the House, lines 15 to 21 of the amendment as printed in the House Journal, page 185) by striking out the following:

“neither the bride nor the groom is a resident of the state, such certificate shall not be delivered by said clerk to said parties until after the lapse of five days from the date thereof, during which time there shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of said clerk the names of the bride and groom under the caption ‘Applicants for Marriage Licenses,’ ”

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*the marriage is to be solemnized in a town in which neither the groom or bride resides, no person shall solemnize the marriage until five days after the certificate required by the following section has been issued. A town clerk who dates falsely such a certificate shall be fined not more than twenty dollars.*

*Second.* In section 2, line 1, by striking out the word “March” and inserting in lieu thereof the word *May*.

Were severally considered and pending the question, Will the House concur in the proposals of amendment? Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro moved that the House refuse to concur and ask for a committee of conference;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Aiken of Putney,  
Fogg of Underhill.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 196. An act to amend section 16 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915; by adding thereto another paragraph relating to security in case of exceptions to supreme court.

*First.* In lines 20 and 21, by striking out the words “costs and intervening damages” and inserting in lieu thereof the words *such costs as the other party shall finally recover against him.*



*Second.* In line 24, by striking out the words "against the excepting party" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *for the plaintiff*.

*Third.* In lines 26 and 27, by striking out the words "debt thereon or in an action on the bond" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *on contract founded on such judgment*.

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Mr. Fullam, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 76. An act relating to the powers of life insurance companies chartered in this State;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 36, by striking out the word "first" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *third*;

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Metzger, from the committee on education, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 10, line 7, after the number "1917" by inserting the words *or any special meeting duly warned for that purpose*.



*Second.* In the same section, line 10, after the number "1917" by inserting the words *or any special meeting duly warned for that purpose.*

*Third.* In the same section, line 26, by striking out the letters "A. D." and the number "1918" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *thereafter.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Stiles, for a majority of the committee on state and court expenses, and commerce and labor, to which committees had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 162 of the Acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer;

Reported that the bill ought to be rejected.

Mr. Coburn, for a minority of the same committees, reported that the bill ought to pass when amended,

In section 1, line 18, by striking out the word "twelve" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *twelve hundred,*

And pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 413. An act to authorize the Fair Haven Graded School District to issue bonds;

H. 414. An act to amend section 2 of No. 299 of the Acts of 1910 in amendment of No. 248 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act empowering the town of Brighton to purchase and construct a water system and to issue bonds".



House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. O'Sullivan, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 351. An act relating to assessments by societies or lodges for charitable purposes.

By Mr. Cannon, from the general committee,

H. 388. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 104 of the Acts of 1910, entitled "An Act requiring town clerks to transmit birth, marriage and death records, not previously returned, to Secretary of State".

On motion of Mr. Young of Brandon, the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. L. Wells, Chaplain of the Senate.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the fifteenth day of March he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 225. An act relating to the apprehension and surrender of fugitives from justice;

H. 317. An act relating to repairing, building or rebuilding bridges;

(J. R. H. 30.) Joint resolution approving the action of the Vermont delegation in Congress in regard to the submarine crisis and to assure the President of the United States of the loyal support of the State of Vermont.



And on the sixteenth day of March he approved and signed bills of the following titles:

H. 81. An act relating to the taking of mink, muskrat and otter;

H. 83. An act relating to the taking of fur-bearing animals in Franklin County;

H. 135. An act to amend section 48 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 182 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides;

H. 180. An act to amend section 20 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to witness and jurors' fees in municipal and city court;

H. 218. An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby;

H. 369. An act relating to fishing in Lake Eden;

H. 374. An act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wells to maintain a screen at the outlet of Lake St. Catherine;

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Pirie, from the committee on commerce and labor,

H. 417. An act regulating disputes between employer and employee.

By Mr. Puffer, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 418. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917 entitled "An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways," approved March 2, 1917.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:



S. 72. An act to amend No. 196 of the Acts of 1915 relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops. (On a division: Yes 68, No 58.)

S. 76. An act relating to the powers of life insurance companies chartered in this State.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county court;

H. 413. An act to authorize the Fair Haven Graded School District to issue bonds;

H. 414. An act to amend section 2 of No. 299 of the Acts of 1910 in amendment of No. 248 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An act empowering the town of Brighton to purchase and construct a water system and to issue bonds".

House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Metzger of Randolph asked and had leave to offer an amendment,

In section 7, line 5, by striking out the semicolon (;) and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,);

Which was agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

Which had been called up and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and pending the question, Will the House amend the bill as thirdly recommended by the committee? (See page 447.) Mr. Root of Bennington moved that the proposed amendment be amended,



By adding at the end of said amendment a comma (,) and the following words: *and a failure to file an inventory in the same manner as required of domestic trust companies shall be cause for removal.*

Which was agreed to and the amendment as amended was agreed to;

Whereupon the amendment fourthly recommended by the committee was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Bailey, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 91. An act making an appropriation for unselected highways;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Amidon, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 392. An act authorizing the Governor to convey by deed to Fred W. Watson of Townshend the privilege of taking water from a certain spring situated on the property of the State.

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 160. An act to amend paragraphs 2 and 12 and to repeal paragraph 7 of section 2 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended and to amend section 5 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended, relating to the village of West Derby, abolishing the highway district of West Derby;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 5, by striking out the words "from its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the date *February 28, 1918*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Williams, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 396. An act relating to domestic insurance companies; permitting such companies to withdraw deposits with approval of state treasurer;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, by striking out all of said section after the word "value" in line 15, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*If such company discontinues doing business in such other states or countries it may at any time bring a suit in the court of chancery against the State of Vermont, provided such deposit is made with the treasurer of this State, to enforce, administer or terminate the trust created by such deposit. The process in such suit shall be served on the state treasurer and insurance commissioner who shall appear and answer on behalf of the State and on proof by such company that it has paid or made sufficient provision for the payment of all liabilities arising from business written or transacted in such other states or countries, the court may make such orders and decrees for the payment or return of such funds or securities or any part thereof as shall protect the rights of all interested parties and the state treasurer shall comply therewith.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Phelps, for a majority of the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 29. An act to amend section 3039 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 107 of the Acts of 1912, relating to rights of married women;

Reported that the bill ought to be rejected.

Mr. Steele, for a minority of the same committee, reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence;

And pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock;

Which was agreed to.



Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 145. An act to amend section 5223 of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners.

*First.* In section 3 by adding at the end thereof the following: *by any licensee.*

*Second.* In section 5, lines 18 and 19, after the word "licensees" by inserting the words *and the secretary of the board of license commissioners.*

*Third.* In the same section, line 19, by striking out the word "town" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *county.*

*Fourth.* In line 21, after the word "licensees" by inserting the following: *and to all secretaries of the boards of license commissioners.*

*Fifth.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 7, as follows:

*Sec. 7. This act shall take effect April 1, 1917.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 230. An act to amend section 3623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1912, relating to appropriation for musical entertainments and visiting nurse; limiting the amount appropriated therefor.

In section 1, line 8, after the word "list" by inserting the following: *if the grand list of such town, village or city does not exceed twenty thousand dollars and a sum not to exceed three per cent of the grand list of such town, village or city if the grand list exceeds twenty thousand dollars.*

Was considered and concurred in.



Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities, or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

In section 1, line 6, after the word "who" by inserting the words *with the intention of creating a monopoly or destroying the business of a competitor*;

Was considered and concurred in.

House bill entitled

H. 416. An act to pay Henry Dumas the sum therein named;

Was taken up, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr Pollard, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 125. An act relating to contracts for labor;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Gill, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 346. An act relating to the care and control of the bridge across the Lamoille River in the westerly part of the towns of Colchester and Milton;

Reported adversely to its passage, and on the question of its rejection it appeared that there was no quorum present.

Mr. Hunt of Danville moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.



MONDAY, MARCH 19 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has again considered House bill, entitled

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for nonattendance.

And has passed the same with proposal of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 419. An act to amend sections 5625, 5627, 5630 and 5640 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 277 of the Acts of 1912, sections 5641, 5642, 5644, 5646, 5647 and to repeal section 5648 of the Public Statutes, relating to dog licenses.

By Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on claims,

H. 420. An act to pay G. J. Seager the sum therein named.

By Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners.

By Mr. Day, from the same committee,

H. 423. An act to repeal No. 298 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act in addition to subdivision 24 of section 25



of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 293 of the Acts of 1910, entitled 'An act to incorporate a city and a town of St. Albans.' "

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bills of the following titles:

H. 61. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

H. 139. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

H. 353. An act to amend subdivision A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the killing of deer; changing the open season.

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 421. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 121. An act relating to investments by domestic life insurance companies;

To the committee on banking and insurance.

S. 122. An act to amend section 20 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

House bill, entitled

H. 346. An act relating to the care and control of the bridge across the Lamoille River in the westerly part of the towns of Colchester and Milton;



Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 91. An act making an appropriation for unselected highways;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Preston of Strafford moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Thursday at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

H. 160. An act to amend paragraphs 2 and 12 and to repeal paragraph 7 of section 2 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended and to amend section 5 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended, relating to the village of West Derby, abolishing the highway district of West Derby;

H. 392. An act authorizing the Governor to convey by deed to Fred W. Watson of Townshend the privilege of taking water from a certain spring situated on the property of the State;

H. 396. An act relating to domestic insurance companies permitting such companies to withdraw deposits with approval of state treasurer;

H. 416. An act to pay Henry Dumas the sum therein named.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for non-attendance;



By striking out all of section 3 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 3, as follows:

*Section. 3 The provisions of this act in respect to school directors, their powers and duties, shall not apply to school directors in a town or city having twenty-five or more legal schools.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Mr. Chase, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 247. An act to amend section 27 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 251 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the charter of the city of St. Albans, permitting additional appropriations by the city council for school purposes;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Chase, from the same committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 116. An act to authorize the Sheldon Poorhouse Association to issue bonds to refund its present indebtedness;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment,

In section 2, line 4, by striking out the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *five*;

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, lines 4 to 9, inclusive, by striking out the following:



“Insane persons in a town, destitute of the means to support themselves, and whose estate or property does not exceed three hundred dollars, and having no relatives in the State bound by law to support them, shall, while in a hospital for the insane, be supported by the State.”

And inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Insane persons in a town, destitute of the means to support themselves, and having no relatives in the State bound by law to support them; and insane persons whose estate or property does not exceed three hundred dollars, shall, while in a hospital for the insane, be supported by the State.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 417. An act regulating disputes between employer and employee;

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time. On motion of Mr. Pirie of Williamstown, the bill was recommitted to the committee.

House bill, entitled

H. 418. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled “An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways,” approved March 2, 1917.

Was taken up, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Puffer of Richford moved that the bill be amended,

By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.



Mr. Allbee of Townshend called up House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of cemeteries by towns.

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter of Fletcher, the House adjourned.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 128. An act to enable towns to acquire land and buildings for town houses and free libraries;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 175. An act relating to headlights and spotlights on vehicles;

H. 194. An act to pay the town of Lunenburg the sum therein named;

H. 234. An act to make the United States census sheets now deposited in county courts accessible;

H. 238. An act to accept the benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to provide for the promotion of vocational education;

H. 354. An act to provide uniform traffic regulations;



H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has acceded to the request of the House for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

And the President has appointed as the members on the part of the Senate of said committee:

Senator Peck,  
Adams,  
Cady.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 103. An act to amend section 626 of the Public Statutes, relating to redemption of lands sold for taxes;

And has concurred therein.

It has considered House proposal of amendment to joint resolution originating in the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 13.) Joint resolution relating to federal and state taxation of incomes and inheritances;

And has concurred therein.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 116. An act to authorize the Sheldon Poorhouse Association to issue bonds to refund its present indebtedness;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 247. An act to amend section 27 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 251 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans, permitting additional appropriations by the city council for school purposes;

H. 418. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways," approved March 2, 1917;

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House bill No. 123 respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend that the Senate recede from its proposal of amendment.

MELVIN G. MORSE,  
J. H. DIMOND,  
MARTIN S. VILAS,

*Committee on the part of Senate.*

WALTER S. FENTON,  
ERNEST E. MOORE,  
FRED O. RANNEY,

*Committee on the part of House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.



House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;

Which had been called up by Mr. Allbee of Townshend and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Eaton, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 85. An act to amend certain sections of the charter of the City of Burlington;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment,

By adding two new sections, to be numbered sections 16 and 17, as follows:

*Sec. 16. Section 92 of No. 242 of the Acts of 1908 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 92. The city council shall annually assess a tax sufficient to meet the appropriation made for the use of schools; but such sum shall not exceed the amount which would be raised by a tax of fifty-five cents upon the dollar of the grand list of said city, except when a larger sum shall be authorized by the legal voters thereof.*

*Sec. 17. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Which proposal of amendment was agreed to, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 100. An act to establish the boundaries of the village of St. Johnsbury;

Reported in favor of its passage, in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.



House bill, entitled

H. 419. An act to amend sections 5625, 5627, 5630 and 5640 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 277 of the Acts of 1912, sections 5641, 5642, 5644, 5646, 5647 and to repeal section 5648 of the Public Statutes, relating to dog licenses;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the bill be amended,

*First.* In section 10, line 2, by striking out the word "receipt";

*Second.* In the same section, line 4, by striking out the word "receipt" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *license*.

Which amendments were agreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow. (On a division: Yes 121, No 74.)

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 420. An act to pay G. J. Seager the sum therein named;

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners;

H. 423. An act to repeal No. 298 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act in addition to subdivision 24 of section 25 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 293 of the Acts of 1910, entitled 'An Act to incorporate a city and a town of St. Albans'".

House bill, entitled

H. 421. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

Was taken up, read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Reirden of Barton moved that the bill be amended,



*First.* In section 1, line 7, by striking out the word "fifteenth" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *fifth*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 8, by striking out the word "twenty-fifth" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *fifteenth*.

Which amendments were agreed to. (On a division: Yes 139, No 37.)

Whereupon, Mr. Dwinell of Calais moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, lines 5 and 6, by striking out the words "having horns not less than three inches in length";

Whereupon, Mr. Barrett of Cabot moved to substitute the following for the amendment offered by Mr. Dwinell:

By striking out the words "having horns not less than three inches in length" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *except red or spotted fawns*;

Which motion was disagreed to.

And the question being, Shall the bill be amended as moved by Mr. Dwinell of Calais? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 61. Nays, 142.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Dwinell of Calais, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Atwood,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Buck,  
Burroughs,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Clift,  
Coborn of E. Montpelier,  
Curtis,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,

Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fogg,  
Hardy,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Holbrook,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson  
Irish,  
Kelly,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Lynough,  
Miles,

Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Porter,  
Ralph,  
Reirden,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Stoddard,  
Sweeney,  
Trouville,  
Wellinger.



## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
 Adams of West Haven,  
 Aiken,  
 Aldrich,  
 Allen of Wolcott,  
 Archer,  
 Austin,  
 Ayer,  
 Bailey,  
 Baker,  
 Baldwin,  
 Barber,  
 Bates,  
 Beard,  
 Belknap,  
 Bellows of Cambridge,  
 Bellows of Swanton,  
 Blanchard,  
 Bliss,  
 Bond,  
 Briggs,  
 Brown of Berlin,  
 Brown of Orwell,  
 Brown of Peru,  
 Bryant,  
 Bucklin,  
 Button,  
 Campbell of Sutton,  
 Candon,  
 Cannon,  
 Carpenter,  
 Casey,  
 Chamberlin,  
 Chapman of Windham,  
 Chase,  
 Cheney,  
 Chessmore,  
 Collins,  
 Cook,  
 Cudworth,  
 Cummings,  
 Cunningham,  
 Dana,  
 Day,  
 Deyette,  
 Dike,  
 Dunham of Brattleboro,  
 Eaden,

Fenton,  
 Field,  
 Finnegan,  
 Finney,  
 Fitzgerald,  
 Flint,  
 Foley,  
 Fullam,  
 Gates,  
 Gill,  
 Gridley,  
 Hale,  
 Hall of Elmore,  
 Hall of Isle La Motte,  
 Hayden,  
 Hayes,  
 Haynes,  
 Hicks,  
 Higgins of Arlington,  
 Hill,  
 Hinds,  
 Hooper,  
 Hopkins,  
 Howe,  
 Howland,  
 Jennison,  
 Johnson of Craftsbury,  
 Johnson of Huntington,  
 Johnson of Somerset,  
 Johnson of Wardsboro,  
 Kimball,  
 King,  
 Ladd,  
 Lawson,  
 Leonard,  
 McLam,  
 McLaughlin,  
 Matot,  
 Meech,  
 Merrifield,  
 Miner,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 Moore of Pomfret,  
 Noble,  
 Noonan,  
 O'Brien,  
 O'Dowd,  
 O'Neil,

Parker of Bradford,  
 Parker of W. Rutland,  
 Perkins of Waterbury,  
 Perrin,  
 Phelps,  
 Phillips,  
 Pike of Stowe,  
 Pirie,  
 Pollard,  
 Preston,  
 Prouty,  
 Puffer,  
 Ranney,  
 Rawson,  
 Richardson,  
 Ricker,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Rood,  
 Root,  
 Roys,  
 Russell,  
 Sergeant,  
 Shanley,  
 Shepard,  
 Smalley,  
 Stearns,  
 Stiles,  
 Taggart,  
 Taylor of Derby,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,  
 Tuttle,  
 Waite of Weston,  
 Walker,  
 Webster,  
 West,  
 Wheeler,  
 White,  
 Whitford,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Pawlet,  
 Williams of Proctor,  
 Wilson of Bristol,  
 Wooster,  
 Wright of Coventry,  
 Wright of Waltham,  
 Young.

## Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.

Andrews,  
 Bentley,  
 Bix,  
 Buxton,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Carlton,  
 Coburn of Jay,  
 Cox,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Demick,  
 Dillon,  
 Dunton,  
 Gray,  
 Hall of Woodbury,  
 Hight,



Lamb,  
McCray,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Mott,  
O'Sullivan,  
Parsons,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Potter,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Ruble,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Steele,  
Stuart,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Wilson of Pownal.

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Leonard, from the general committee, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 55. An act to amend sections 5642 and 5643 of the Public Statutes, relating to proceedings against towns for damage done by dogs to sheep;

Reported the same without recommendation, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committees to which they had been referred, and rejected:

By Mr. Noble, from the committee on claims,

H. 248. An act to pay P. J. Jerome the sum therein named.



By Mr. Bates, from the same committee,

H. 250. An act to pay E. C. Kingsbury the sum therein named.

By Mr. Moore, from the same committee,

H. 257. An act to pay C. D. Caustic the sum therein named.

Mr. Noonan, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 310. An act to repeal sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of No. 168 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 180 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the sale of oleomargarine;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected?

Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to. (On a division: Yes 17, No 124.)

And pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected?

On motion of Mr. Miles of Glover, the House adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON.

House bill, entitled

H. 310. An act to repeal sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 180 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the sale of oleomargarine;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 140. Nays, 49.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven  
 Aldrich,  
 Allen of Vernon,  
 Amidon,  
 Atwood,  
 Austin,  
 Ayer,  
 Bailey,  
 Baker,  
 Ball of Maidstone,  
 Ball of Newark,  
 Barrett,  
 Bates,  
 Becker,  
 Belknap,  
 Bell,  
 Blanchard,  
 Bliss,  
 Bond,  
 Briggs,  
 Bronson,  
 Brown of Peru,  
 Bryant,  
 Buck,  
 Bucklin,  
 Burroughs,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Campbell of Sutton,  
 Candon,  
 Cannon,  
 Carlton,  
 Carpenter,  
 Chamberlin,  
 Chapman of Concord,  
 Chessmore,  
 Clift,  
 Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
 Cook,  
 Cudworth,  
 Cummings,  
 Curtis,  
 Dana,  
 Day,  
 Drake,  
 Dunbar,  
 Dunham of Athens,  
 Dunham of Brattleboro,

Dunton,  
 Eaton,  
 Esden,  
 Field,  
 Finnegan,  
 Finney,  
 Flint,  
 Fogg,  
 Foley,  
 Fullam,  
 Gates,  
 Gill,  
 Gridley,  
 Hale,  
 Hardy,  
 Hayden,  
 Hayes,  
 Hemenway,  
 Hemingway,  
 Hicks,  
 Higgins of Woodford,  
 Hinds,  
 Holbrook,  
 Hooper,  
 Hopkins,  
 Howe,  
 Hunt,  
 Hutchinson,  
 Irish,  
 Jennison,  
 Johnson of Huntington,  
 Johnson of Somerset,  
 Johnson of Wardsboro,  
 Ladd,  
 Lawson,  
 Legate,  
 Leonard,  
 Lynough,  
 McLam,  
 McLaughlin,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Meech,  
 Merrifield,  
 Mettger,  
 Miles,  
 Miller of Westminster,  
 Moore of Ludlow,

Moore of Pomfret,  
 Noonan,  
 O'Neil,  
 Osgood of Rockingham,  
 Osgood of Rutland,  
 Parker of Lowell,  
 Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Perkins of Waterbury,  
 Perrin,  
 Phillips,  
 Pike of Stowe,  
 Porter,  
 Potter,  
 Preston,  
 Ralph,  
 Rawson,  
 Richardson,  
 Rood,  
 Roys,  
 Rublee,  
 Seaver,  
 Sergeant,  
 Shanley,  
 Shepard,  
 Shores,  
 Spalding,  
 Stanton,  
 Stedman,  
 Stiles,  
 Stoddard,  
 Stuart,  
 Taggart,  
 Taylor of Derby,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,  
 Trouville,  
 Waite of Weston,  
 Walker,  
 Webster,  
 Wellinger,  
 Wheeler,  
 Whitford,  
 Wilson of Bristol,  
 Wooster,  
 Wright of Coventry,  
 Wright of Waltham,  
 Young.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Allen of Wolcott,  
 Andrews,  
 Archer,  
 Barber,  
 Beard,  
 Beers,  
 Brooks,  
 Casey,  
 Chapman of Windham,  
 Cunningham,  
 Deyette,  
 Dunn,  
 Dwinell,  
 Fenton,  
 Hall of Elmore,  
 Hall of Isle La Motte,  
 Haynes,

Higgins of Arlington,  
 Kelly,  
 Kimball,  
 Kingsbury,  
 LaFleur,  
 Leach,  
 Matot,  
 Miller of Hancock,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 Noble,  
 O'Brien,  
 O'Dowd,  
 O'Sullivan,  
 Parker of Bradford,  
 Parker of W. Rutland,  
 Phelps,  
 Pirie,

Pollard,  
 Prouty,  
 Reiriden,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Russell,  
 Ryan,  
 Smalley,  
 Stearns,  
 Steele,  
 Sweeney,  
 Tuttle,  
 West,  
 White,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Proctor.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Allbee,  
Baldwin,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Demick,  
Dike,  
Dillon,  
Fitzgerald,  
Gray,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hight,  
Hill,

Howland,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
King,  
Lamb,  
McCray,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Mott,  
Orcutt,  
Parsons,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Root,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Pownal.

House bill, entitled

H. 178. An act to amend sections 72, 74 and 75 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the appointment of fish and game wardens; abolishing the office of county and deputy fish and game wardens and fixing salaries of fish and game wardens;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 99. Nays, 112.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Moore of Plymouth, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Bucklin,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Curtis,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Finnegan,

Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lawson,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McLam,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Miles,

Moore of Pomfret,  
Noonan,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Ralph,  
Ricker,  
Rood,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Stoddard,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Archer,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Bell,  
Blanchard,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Cook,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,

Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Eaden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finney,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hopkins,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Kimball,  
LaFleur,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
O'Brien,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,

Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Roya,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Walker,  
Wheeler,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Buxton,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Demick,  
Dillon,  
Gray,  
Hight,  
Lamb,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,

Martin of Winhall,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Parsons,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Robinson of Bridgwater,  
Root,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
White,  
Wilson of Pownal.

The bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow. (On a division: Yes 118, No 85.)

House bill, entitled

H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 162 of the Acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Baldwin of Danby moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 18, after the word "twelve" by inserting the word *hundred*;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 31. Nays, 183.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Fenton of Rutland City, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Carpenter,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Edsen,  
Fitzgerald,

Foley,  
Irish,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Lynaugh,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Miles,  
Miner,  
O'Dowd,  
Ralph,  
Ricker,

Sinclair,  
Stanton,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Taggart,  
Walker,  
West,  
White,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Dike,

Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,

O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roya,  
Rublee,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Weoster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bentley,  
Bix,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Buxton,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Demick,  
Dillon,  
Gray,  
Hight,  
Lamb,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,

Martin of Winhall,  
Miller of Troy,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Parsons,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Robinson of Bridgwater,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Wilson of Pownal.

The bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 29. An act to amend section 3039 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 107 of the Acts of 1912, relating to rights of married women;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative. (On a division: Yes 59, No 103.)

The bill was read the second time and its third reading reading ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Bryant of Lincoln, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Phelps, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bills of the following titles:

H. 142. An act to amend section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended by



section 2 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 4 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, extending the right of suffrage to women;

H. 219. An act relating to women taxpayers voting on taxation and appropriations.

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 424. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended, and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended, extending the right of suffrage to women, and providing for a referendum thereon;

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

By Mr. Williams, from the general committee,

H. 425. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 160 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appointing of building inspectors and the construction of buildings and to repeal sections 3626 and 3627 of the Public Statutes.

By Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture,

H. 426. An act to amend section 3 of No. 166 of the Acts of 1910, defining the duties of the commissioner of agriculture and relating to creameries, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and relating to reports from the same to said commissioner.

By Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 427. An act to enable the town of Shrewsbury to dispose of its cemetery property;



H. 428. An act to authorize the village of Barton to issue bonds for the purpose herein named.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 85. An act to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Burlington;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 100. An act to establish the boundaries of the village of St. Johnsbury;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 29. An act to amend section 3039 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 107 of the Acts of 1912, relating to rights of married women;

Was read the third time and its passage in concurrence was refused.

House bill, entitled

H. 178. An act to amend sections 72, 74 and 75 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the appointment of fish and game wardens; abolishing the office of county and deputy fish and game wardens and fixing salaries of fish and game wardens;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 71. Nays, 147.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Moore of Plymouth, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Archer,  
Austin,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Clift,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Dunbar,

Dunham of Athens,  
Esden,  
Fenton,  
Foley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hopkins,  
Hunt,  
Jennison,  
Kimball,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Meech,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Noble,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,

O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Potter,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Robinson of Bridgwater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Ruble,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Walker,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Demick,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,

Eaton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayes,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lawson,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Moore of Pomfret,

Noonan,  
O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
West,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Belknap,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Cox,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Gill,  
Hight,  
Hooper,  
Metzger,

Mott,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parsons,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stanton,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Wilson of Pownal.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 162 of the Acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer;

H. 420. An act to pay G. J. Seager the sum therein named;

H. 423. An act to repeal No. 298 of the Acts of 1912, entitled 'An Act in addition to subdivision 24 of section 25 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 293 of the Acts of 1910, entitled 'An Act to incorporate a city and a town of St. Albans' ''.

House bill, entitled

H. 421. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 161, No 29.)

House bill, entitled

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Ranney of West Windsor asked leave to offer an amendment the substance of which he stated, and the question being, Will the House grant leave to the member to offer an amendment? It was decided in the negative, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

House bill, entitled

H. 419. An act to amend sections 5625, 5627, 5630 and 5640 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 277 of the Acts of 1912, sections 5641, 5642, 5644, 5646, 5647 and to repeal section 5648 of the Public Statutes, relating to dog licenses;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative. (On a division: Yes 75, No 118.)

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane.

*First.* By striking out all of section 4, and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

*Second.* In the second section 5 of the bill, line 6, after the word "as" by inserting the word *amended*.

*Third.* To amend the title of the bill so as to read as follows:

*An act to reorganize the state board of health.*

Were considered and pending the question, Will the House concur in the first proposal of amendment? On motion of Mr. Osgood of Rockingham the bill was ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Cannon of Northfield, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 272. An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis;

H. 398. An act to amend section 1366 of the Public Statutes, relating to the duties of the reporter of decisions;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 70. An act to amend section 93 of the Public Statutes, relating to certificates of nomination;

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;

And has adopted the same on its part.

It has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled



S. 70. An act to create a board of control;

And has concurred therein.

Mr. Orcutt of Burke offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 18.) *Whereas*, God in his infinite wisdom has called to her last home the wife of the member from Kirby, therefore be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That our sympathy is extended to James E. Warren, the member from Kirby, in this his time of sorrow, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Warren;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester moved that the Governor be requested to return to the possession of the House, House bill, entitled

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that the House request the Senate to return to the possession of the House, Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on judiciary,

S. 4. An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of



1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section I of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates.

By Mr. Cannon, from the general committee,

S. 124. An act to amend section 4 of No. 280 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 268 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the erection of a memorial to Commodore Thomas MacDonough.

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 390. An act to authorize the town of Woodbury to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 346. An act relating to the care and control of the bridge across the Lamoille River in the westerly part of the towns of Colchester and Milton;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 152. Nays, 64.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. King of Milton, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood.  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Becker,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Brown of Peru,

Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,

Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,



Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle LaMotte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kimball,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,

Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,

Richardson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walker,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Austin,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Bryant,  
Button,  
Cannon,  
Casey,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cummings,  
Dunn,  
Eden,  
Field,  
Finnegan,

Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hayes,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Holbrook,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Leach,  
Metsger,  
Miner,  
Mott,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Pike of Stratton,

Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Raney,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Stearns,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wright of Coventry.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
Archer,  
Ball of Newark,  
Belknap,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Collins,  
Cox,



Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Finney,  
Howe,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Phelps,  
Steele,  
Stuart,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Wilson of Pownal.

Mr. Beard, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 48. An act to amend section 7 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to a declaration of party affiliation at primaries;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 17, after the word "for" by striking out all of lines 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, to and including the word "belongs" in line 24, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Whenever there are two or more candidates for nomination to the same office who are to be voted for in more than one town, the names of such candidates shall be so alternated on the ballots used that each shall appear thereon as nearly as may be an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom and, in each intermediate place, if any, of the list or group in which it belongs; provided, however, that it shall not be necessary in assembling the ballots in blocks of one hundred each to arrange such ballots so that, whenever there are two or more candidates for nomination to the same office, there will be an equal number of ballots where the name of each candidate appears at the top, at the bottom and each intermediate place, if any, of the list or group in which it belongs.*

*Second.* In section 1, line 25, by striking out all of said line after the preposition "to" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *the office of representative to the General Assembly shall be.*



*Third.* In section 1, line 46, by striking out the words "generally supports" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *intends to support*.

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Brooks, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 275. An act to amend section 745 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 1 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of trust companies; including tax on securities;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Stocks, bonds and notes except such bonds and notes as are exempt from taxation, held by a person or corporation acting as trustee under order of court shall be taxed in lieu of all other taxation, at the rate of seven-tenths of one per cent of their appraised value.*

*Sec. 2. Said trustee shall annually, on the first day of April, or within ten days thereafter, furnish the listers of the town where the tax is to be paid an inventory under oath setting forth the stocks, bonds and notes and entire personal property so held by them in trust.*

*Sec. 3. Such tax shall be paid without discount to the treasurer of the town where the person who created the trust last resided or, if said person was not at his decease a resident of this State, to the treasurer of the town where such trustee resides or has its principal place of business, which tax shall be payable at the same time and collected in the same manner as other town taxes.*

*Sec. 4. The listers of the town shall, in the usual manner, appraise such stocks and bonds and notes at their true value in money and enter in the grand list books the amount that will become due and minute beside the same the words "7-10 trust rate" and such appraisal shall not be included in the total grand list.*



*Sec. 5. This act shall not apply to stocks, bonds and notes held in trust for religious, charitable or cemetery purposes.*

*Sec. 6. A trustee who fails to furnish a list as required by this act shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars.*

*Sec. 7. Section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915 and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Howland, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 7, lines 31 and 32, by striking out the words "and bankruptcy proceedings" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *so long as any liability for such compensation exists.*

*Second.* In section 12, line 2, by striking out the words "five men or more" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *more than ten men.*

*Third.* In the same section, line 4, by striking out the words "five men or more" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *more than ten men.*

The bill was read the second time and the amendments severally agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the bill be further amended,

*First.* In section 7, line 31, by striking out the comma (,) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *or.*

*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 15, as follows:

*Sec. 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 1917.*

Which amendments were severally agreed to;



Whereupon, Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that the bill be further amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 9, by striking out the words "one hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *seventy-five*.

*Second.* In section 3, lines 13 to 16, inclusive, by striking out the following: "Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deprive the injured employee of the right to select his own surgical, medical and hospital services."

The first of which amendments was disagreed to, the second agreed to (On a division: Yes 133, No 50) and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 128. An act to enable towns to acquire land and buildings for town houses and free libraries;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to return to the House, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases.

On motion of Mr. Barrett of Cabot, the House adjourned.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bills, entitled:

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112, and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane.

Mr. Austin of Reading offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 31.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That we express our belief that universal military training is necessary to secure an adequate system of preparedness in this country and to that end we urge the enactment of such measures by Congress as may be proper, and

*Be it further resolved,* that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to our senators and representatives in Congress;

Which was read and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte asked and had unanimous consent to introduce a bill, entitled

H. 429. An act to amend section 6179 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 190 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the pay of members of the General Assembly;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.



A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the seventeenth day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 207. An act to authorize the village of Proctor to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals;

H. 357. An act relating to the sale of tuberculin in the State of Vermont;

H. 358. An act relating to the highway bridge over the railway track in the village of Proctor.

And on the twenty-first day of March he approved and signed the following bills:

H. 40. An act relating to habitual drunkards;

H. 196. An act to amend section 16 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915: by adding thereto another paragraph relating to security in case of exceptions to supreme court;

H. 224. An act to amend section 666 of the Public Statutes, relating to the delivery of tax bills;

H. 228. An act to amend section 4928 of the Public Statutes, relating to the standard of milk as paying basis: decreasing the per cent of butter fat;

H. 230. An act to amend section 3623 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 128 of the Acts of 1912, relating to appropriations for musical entertainments and visiting nurse, limiting the amount appropriated therefor;

H. 235. An act relating to the inspection of meat;



H. 268. An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 11, 14 and 15 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, and section 6142 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 245 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties and salary of the Secretary of State, increasing salary of Secretary of State and relieving commissioner of taxes from duties as commissioner of foreign corporations;

H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year;

H. 290. An act to amend and consolidate No. 120 of the Acts of 1892 and all amendments and additions thereto, relating to the village of Essex Junction;

H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 120 of the Acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work;

H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefor;

H. 332. An act to amend No. 195 of the Acts of 1876 as amended by No. 95 of the Acts of 1890, relating to the charter of the village of West Randolph;

H. 338. An act to amend section 4693 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 170 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the definition of domestic and foreign investment companies;

H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of No. 289 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the investigation of the water powers of the State and for determining the best methods of utilizing the same;

H. 340. An act to authorize the village of Waterbury to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a lighting system;

H. 341. An act to incorporate the village of Alburg;

H. 360. An act to authorize the Governor to lease lands;

H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners;



H. 378. An act to amend No. 259 of the Acts of 1906, relating to Bellows Falls village corporation, empowering said village to take and hold property for the purposes therein named;

H. 381. An act to amend section 5 of No. 313 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the issue of bonds by the Newbury lighting district;

H. 394. An act relating to an armory in the village or city of Newport.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the House return to the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood of Rockingham called up House bill, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane.

And moved that Rule 39 be suspended and that the bill be returned to the Senate agreeably to its request;

Which motions were severally agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Fenton, from the committee on state and court expenses,

H. 430. An act to amend section 6246 of the Public Statutes, as amended, increasing the fees of jurors in county court.



By Mr. Moore, from the committee on ways and means,

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers.

By Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 432. An act in addition to No. 140 of the Acts of 1865 as amended by No. 225 of the Acts of 1884, extending the boundaries of the village of Fair Haven.

By Mr. Cook, from the committee on taxation,

H. 433. An act to amend subdivision VI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain property from taxation.

By Mr. Prouty, from the committee on military affairs,

H. 434. An act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the state.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 4. An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section 1 of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence;

Whereupon, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the title of the bill so to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section 1 of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates.*

Which was agreed to.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 124. An act to amend section 4 of No. 280 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 268 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the erection of a memorial to Commodore Thomas MacDonough;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 48. An act to amend section 7 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to a declaration of party affiliation at primaries;

H. 390. An act to authorize the town of Woodbury to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.

House bill, entitled

H. 275. An act to amend section 745 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 1 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of trust companies; including tax on securities;

Was read the third time and passed;

Whereupon, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to provide for a rate of taxation on stocks, bonds, and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1916;*

Which was agreed to.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 70. An act to amend section 93 of the Public Statutes, relating to certificates of nomination.

In section 1, by adding at the end thereof the following:

*, if such votes shall not exceed seven hundred, and at least ten per cent if such vote shall exceed seven hundred.*

Was considered and concurred in.



A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed by the Senate to return to the custody of the House agreeably to its request Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.

Mr. Fogg, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 120. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Hemenway, from the committee on highways and bridges,

H. 211. An act to amend section 1 of No. 255 of the Acts of 1915, relating to reimbursement of towns that have freed toll bridges between the states of Vermont and New Hampshire.

By Mr. Parker, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 355. An act to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon.

Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 40. An act to amend section 1 of No. 197 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sale of opium, morphine and other narcotic drugs;

Reported the same without recommendation, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the second time? It was decided in the negative.



Mr. Howland, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, lines 31 and 32 by striking out the words "and the approval of the bank commissioner";

*Second.* In the same section, lines 35, 36 and 37, by striking out the following: "and with such approval may loan not to exceed seventy per cent of the value of Vermont real estate";

*Third.* In section 2, line 31, by striking out the words "Oklahoma, Texas";

*Fourth.* In the same section, line 33, by striking out the words "West Virginia, Colorado";

*Fifth.* In the same section, line 34, by striking out the words "Georgia, Kentucky," and in the same line by striking out the word "Tennessee";

*Sixth.* In the same section, line 42, by striking out the semicolon (;) and inserting in lieu thereof a period (.), and in lines 42 to 51, inclusive, by striking out the words "also in the bonds of counties having a population according to the last preceding United States or state census of at least fifty thousand and an indebtedness not exceeding three per cent of the last preceding valuation for the assessment of taxes at the time of the investment of Mississippi, Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, South Carolina, Virginia, Nevada and Louisiana", and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Bonds issued under this subdivision for building or improving roads, shall not be legal unless they are payable serially; the entire issue payable in not to exceed twenty years; the principal and interest payable from a direct tax levied upon all of the taxable property within the county, and only such portion of such bond issue shall be legal as will be due and payable in not less than fifteen years from the date of issue.*

*Seventh.* In the same section, line 137, after the word "debt" by inserting the following:



*Rentals, guaranteed interest, guaranteed dividends and all fixed charges, and for the purpose of this paragraph "net income" shall be construed as income after deducting operating expenses, taxes, insurance and expenditures for maintenance.*

*Eighth.* In the same section, line 140, after the word "in" by inserting the words *first and refunding*;

*Ninth.* In section 3, line 85, by striking out the period (.) and inserting the words *or exceed the capital and surplus of trust companies having no commercial deposits*;

*Tenth.* By adding two new sections to be numbered sections 4 and 5, as follows:

*Sec. 4.* Section 28 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910 (Sec. 5268 of the General Laws, as proposed) is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

*Sec. 28. (Sec. 5268 G. L.) The trustees of a bank shall not declare or allow interest on a deposit for a longer period than the same has been deposited, except that deposits made not later than the tenth business day of the month commencing the semiannual interest period, or with the fifth business day of other months, may, in the discretion of the trustees, have interest declared upon the first day of the month when so deposited.*

*Sec. 5.* This act shall take effect from its passage.

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Will the House amend the bill as firstly proposed by the committee? Mr. Campbell of Belvidere moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 144. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of



1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings and allowing women to vote in town meetings;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 116. An act to authorize the Sheldon Poorhouse Association to issue bonds to refund its present indebtedness.

And has concurred therein.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 19th day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 19. An act to pay John G. Diekman the sum therein named;

S. 117. An act to amend section 5436 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 217 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the general duties of health officers.

And on the 21st day of March he approved and signed the following bills:

S. 32. An act to amend section 13 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 4 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the value of animals killed by order of the livestock commissioner;

S. 70. An act to create a board of control.

House bill entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

Was taken up as unfinished business and the question being, Will the House amend the bill as first proposed by the committee? It was decided in the affirmative, whereupon, the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth amendments were severally agreed to, the eighth amendment disagreed to, and pending the question, Will



the House agree to the tenth amendment? Mr. Bellows of Swanton moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 129, No 60.)

Senate bill, entitled

S. 91. An act making an appropriation for unselected highways;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Becker, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 17, by striking out the words *or senior*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 31, by striking out the word "eight" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *nine*.

*Third.* In the same section, line 32, by striking out the words "six days" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *fifty-five hours*.

*Fourth.* In the same section, by striking out lines 35 and 36 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *earlier than seven o'clock in the morning, or after eight o'clock at night in any of the occupations or industries herein enumerated*.

*Fifth.* In the same section, line 43, by striking out the word "industries" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *education*.

*Sixth.* In the same section, lines 47 and 48, by striking out the word "industries" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *education who shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the commissioner of industries*.



*Seventh.* In section 2, line 8, by striking out the words "or in connection with".

*Eighth.* In section 4, line 8, by striking out the word "eleven" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *ten*, and in the same section, line 9, by striking out the compound word "fifty-eight" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *fifty-five*.

*Ninth.* In section 9, by striking out lines 8 to 57, inclusive, as follows:

"Sec. 6. The certificates provided for in this chapter shall be issued by said commissioner only upon the application in person of the child desiring employment, accompanied by its parent, guardian or custodian, and after having received, examined and approved documentary evidence of age showing that the child is of the required age or over, which evidence shall consist of one of the following named proofs of age duly attested, and the proof accepted shall be specified in the certificate issued to the child; the proofs specified in subdivision (a) shall be required first, but if this be not available, then one of the proofs specified in the succeeding subdivisions shall be required, and in the order designated, until the age of the child be established, as follows:

(a) A birth certificate or transcript thereof issued by a registrar of vital statistics or other officer charged with the duty of recording births, which certificate or transcript shall be prima facie evidence of the age of the child;

(b) A certificate of baptism or transcript thereof showing the date of birth and place of baptism of the child;

(c) A bona fide record of the date and place of the child's birth kept in the Bible in which the records of the births, marriages and deaths in the family of the child are preserved; or a certificate at least one year old, of confirmation or other church ceremony, showing the age of the child and date and place of such confirmation or ceremony; or a passport showing the age of the child; or a certificate of arrival in the United States issued by United States immigration officers and showing the age of the child; or a life insurance policy at least one year old showing the age of the child;

(d) A certificate signed by two physicians, at least one of whom shall be a public health officer, stating that they



have separately examined the child and that in their opinion the child is of the age required by law; such certificate shall state the height and weight of the child, the condition of its tenth and any other facts concerning its physical development revealed by such examination and upon which their opinion as to its age is based."

*Tenth.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 10, as follows:

*Sec. 10. The commissioner of industries is hereby authorized to make and prescribe, and from time to time to change and amend such rules and regulations, not in conflict with this act as he may deem necessary and proper to secure satisfactory evidence of the age of the child applying for an age certificate. Provided, however, that the evidence of age required under such rules and regulations shall at all times comply substantially with the requirements for proof of age prescribed by any rules and regulations made pursuant to the act of Congress entitled "An act to prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor, and for other purposes," approved September 1, 1916.*

*Eleventh.* By renumbering section 10 as section 11.

The bill was read the second time, the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh amendments were severally agreed to, the second and third amendments disagreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time. Mr. Waite of Shoreham moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, line 25, by striking out the word "in";

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Prouty, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 407. An act to amend section 1 of an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to establish the militia," approved March 3, 1917;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:



*Section 1. An act of the General Assembly of 1917 entitled "An act to establish the militia" approved March 3, 1917, shall take effect immediately.*

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

The amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 424. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended, and section 543 of the Public Statutes, as amended, and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended extending the right of suffrage to women and providing for a referendum thereon;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Stearns of Burlington moved that the bill be amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 489. Except as provided in section 495 listers shall set the polls of all the inhabitants of the state, citizens and aliens, over twenty-one and under seventy years of age, in the grand list of the town wherein such inhabitants reside on the first day of April in each year at one dollar each.*

*If for any reason taxable polls are omitted from the grand list when filed in the office of the town clerk, the listers shall on or before the fifteenth day of the next February certify such omission to the town clerk who shall record such certificate in the grand list book; and thereupon such proceedings shall be had in relation thereto and the tax thereon as is provided in case property is so omitted.*

*Sec. 2. Section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*



**Sec. 495.** Polls of persons honorably discharged who served in the army or navy of the United States in the War of the Rebellion and their unmarried widows, who claim exemption therefrom prior to the time of filing the abstract of individual lists in the town clerk's office; of members of the state militia or fire companies, if the town wherein they reside so votes; and of persons actually poor, shall not be set in the lists except as hereinafter provided. The names of persons so exempt shall be set in the grand list against which shall appear the words "poll exempt" and such additional words as will designate the class to which each person belongs.

**Sec. 3.** Section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 4 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**Sec. 543.** On or before the twentieth day of April, unless otherwise required, every taxable person shall procure such blank inventory, make full answers to all interrogatories therein, subscribe said inventory and affidavit, make oath thereto, and deliver or forward the same to one or more of the listers in the town wherein such person owns or possesses property required by law to be set to such person in the grand list therein.

In case reasonable notice in writing to file such inventory on or before a given date is by one or more of the listers delivered to a person, or mailed postage prepaid to such person at the last known post office address, such person shall within the time therein specified properly fill out such inventory and deliver or forward the same to one or more of said listers, notwithstanding such person may own or possess no property, subject to taxation.

Persons taxable only for real estate and persons taxable only upon their polls shall not be required to file such inventory unless notified so to do as herein provided.

**Sec. 4.** Section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 111 of the Acts of 1915 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**Sec. 3416.** A citizen, twenty-one years of age or over who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting, and whose tax or taxes due such town were paid prior to the fifteenth day of February preceding such town meeting, or who has attained the age of twenty-one years subsequent to the last annual assessment, or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall, while residing in such town,



*be a voter in town meeting; but such citizen, if a resident of an incorporated village, within such town, shall not vote in town meeting for town road commissioner unless at least fifteen per cent of the last highway tax of such incorporated village has been paid to the town treasurer to be expended upon the highways of the town outside such incorporated village.*

*Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Whereupon, Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the amendment be amended,

In section 1, line 10, by striking out the words "one dollar" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *two dollars*;

Which amendment to the amendment was agreed to; On a division: Yes 122, No 91.)

After discussion on the main question, on motion of Mr. Stearns of Burlington the debate was closed, and the question being, Will the House amend the bill as moved by Mr. Stearns of Burlington as amended? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 89. Nays, 123.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Stearns of Burlington, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Newark,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Bryant,  
Buxton,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Curtis,  
Demick,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,

Dunton,  
Esden,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
King,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
McCray,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,

O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Porter,  
Puffer,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
West,  
Whitney,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.



Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barber,  
Barrett  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bell,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Chamberlin,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cudworth,  
Cummings,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,

Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,

Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Ruble,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Young.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Baldwin,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Briggs,  
Buck,  
Burroughs,  
Casey,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Field,  
Hayes,  
Hight,  
Lynaugh,



Miller of Troy,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Noble,  
Parsons,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Pownal.

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time?

It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow. (On a division: Yes 133, No 68.)

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 425. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 160 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appointment of building inspectors and the construction of buildings and to repeal sections 3626 and 3627 of the Public Statutes;

H. 426. An act to amend section 3 of No. 166 of the Acts of 1910, defining the duties of the commissioner of agriculture as relating to creameries, cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and relating to reports from the same to said commissioner;

H. 427. An act to enable the town of Shrewsbury to dispose of its cemetery property;

H. 428. An act to authorize the village of Barton to issue bonds for the purpose therein named.

On motion of Mr. McLam of Ryegate, the House adjourned.



FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1917.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Be recommitted to the committee;

Which motion the Speaker ruled to be not in order;

Whereupon, the same member moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby the bill was passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment;

Which motion the Speaker ruled to be not in order;

Whereupon, the same member moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment;

Which was disagreed to.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 120. An act relating to the practice of chiropody;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 211. An act to amend section 1 of No. 255 of the Acts of 1915, relating to reimbursement of towns that have freed toll bridges between the states of Vermont and New Hampshire;

H. 355. An act to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon;

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;



H. 426. An act to amend section 3 of No. 166 of the Acts of 1910, defining the duties of the commissioner of agriculture as relating to creameries, cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and relating to reports for the same to said commissioner;

H. 427. An act to enable the town of Shrewsbury to dispose of its cemetery property;

H. 428. An act to authorize the village of Barton to issue bonds for the purpose therein named.

House bill, entitled

H. 407. An act to amend section 1 of an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to establish the militia," approved March 3, 1917.

Was read the third time and passed;

Whereupon, the title of the bill was amended as recommended by the committee to read as follows:

*An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to establish the militia," approved March 3, 1917.*

House bill, entitled

H. 424. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended, and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended, extending the right of suffrage to women, and providing for a referendum thereon;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 132. Nays, 81.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Barrett of Cabot, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Buck,  
Button,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,

Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finnegay,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte.,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,

O'Dowd,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Sinclair,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Young.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Becker,  
Bell,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Bryant,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Curtis,  
Demick,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Eeden,

Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gill,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
McCray,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,

O'Neil,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Phillips,  
Porter,  
Ricker,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Trouville,  
Walte of Weston,  
Walker,  
West,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Ayer,  
Baldwin,  
Belknap,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Bucklin,  
Chessmore,  
Cox,  
Cummings,  
Dalrymple,  
Day,  
Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,

Lynaugh,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Noble,  
O'Sullivan,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Ryan,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Pownal.

House bill entitled

H. 425. An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 160 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appointment of building inspectors and the construction of buildings and to repeal sections 3626 and 3627 of the Public Statutes;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill No. 265, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment.

*Second.* That the bill be further amended in line 6, after the word "shooting" by inserting the words *and spearing*.



*Third.* That the bill be further amended in line 7 after the word "pond" by inserting the words *Hinesburg Pond*.

DONLY C. HAWLEY,  
W. D. HOWE,  
W. E. ALDRICH,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

FRED W. BLISS,  
M. W. WILSON,  
W. M. McCRAY,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Fullam, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 121. An act relating to investments by domestic life insurance companies;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Miller, for a majority of the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 233. An act to amend section 6145 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary of the attorney general;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Reirden of Barton moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fitzgerlad, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 343. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the Session of 1908, relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner;



Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 17, by striking out the word "governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Hall, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 321 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto;"

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Prouty, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 31.) Joint resolution relating to universal military training;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House, the joint resolution was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 189. An act to amend sections 35, 100, 187 and 200 of No. 249 of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Rutland;"

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 3, line 15, after the word "amended" by inserting a comma (,) and the following words: *so far as the same relates to contracts for the construction, alteration or repairs of school buildings.*

*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 4, as follows:



*Sec. 4. Section 187 of No. 249 of the Acts of 1908, as amended by No. 290 of the Acts of 1910, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 187. The city council shall fill any vacancy on the board of school commissioners occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the city or other disability.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on public buildings, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

*H. 252. An act providing for an appropriation for the construction of as many committee rooms in the present State House and library annex as possible, and for other purposes;*

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Section 1. A sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of reconstructing the interior of the present State House and library annex so as to provide as many legislative committee rooms as possible and making other needful changes including the installation of a central heating plant; and the auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw his orders to pay this appropriation in such installments as shall from time to time be approved by the commissioners designated to make such repairs.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Perkins, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

*H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways;*

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First. In section 1, line 41, at the end thereof, by inserting the following: Any sum voted by a town to secure the*



*benefits of this section, may be divided between the town and incorporated villages upon the same basis as is provided for the division of the aid herein specified.*

*Second.* In the same section, line 48, after the word "in" by striking out the word "rebuilding" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *building*.

*Third.* In the same section, line 49, after the word "roads" by inserting a period (.).

*Fourth.* In the same section, lines 50 to 57, both inclusive, by striking out the following: "said commissioner may, with the approval of the Governor, use such portion of such surplus as said commissioner and the Governor deem for the best interests of the State, to secure such aid from the National Government as it may offer, and said commissioner may make such rules and regulations in regard to its expenditures as may be necessary to secure such aid."

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Parker of West Rutland, the House adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 82. An act to amend No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads;

S. 92. An act to amend section 5104 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1912, section 5105 of the Public Statutes, and section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and by sections 1 and 2 of No. 123 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to liquor licenses; providing for State vote;



S. 105. An act to provide for the recount of votes in town and county elections;

S. 119. An act to give women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors;

S. 126. An act to amend section 182 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 10 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the system of voting; providing for a plurality election for all town, village and fire district officers.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers;

H. 347. An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes in the town of Ryegate;

H. 367. An act to amend section 5 of No. 253 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the payment of accounts of the purchasing agent;

H. 371. An act to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance moneys, upon requisition, to state officers and to provide for bond of indemnity:

H. 392. An act authorizing the Governor to convey by deed to Fred W. Watson of Townshend the privilege of taking water from a certain spring situated on the property of the State.

H. 396. An act relating to domestic insurance companies; permitting such companies to withdraw deposits with approval of state treasurer;

H. 400. An act to prohibit the use of labels attached by wire to bags of feed or grain;



H. 403. An act to amend section 5 of No. 109 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the warning of town and village meetings;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the public service commission; extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

¶ In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

¶ The Senate has on its part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 21.) Joint resolution urgently requesting the immediate enactment of a federal universal military training law;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bill, entitled

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:



H. 430. An act to amend section 6246 of the Public Statutes, as amended, increasing the fees of jurors in county court;

H. 432. An act in addition to No. 140 of the Acts of 1865 as amended by No. 225 of the Acts of 1884, extending the boundaries of the village of Fair Haven;

H. 433. An act to amend subdivision VI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain property from taxation;

H. 434. An act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the State.

House bill, entitled

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Young of Brandon moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooper, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 384. An act to amend section 3442 of the Public Statutes, relating to compensation of listers;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected. (On a division: Yes 98, No 72.)

Mr. Flint, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 429. An act to amend section 6179 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 190 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the pay of members of the General Assembly;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Meech of Monkton moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was disagreed to;



Whereupon, Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the bill be amended,

In section 3, by striking out the words "from its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the date *January 1, 1919*;

Which was disagreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Cannon of Northfield moved that the bill be amended,

In section 2, line 1, after the word "shall" by inserting the word *not*.

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester moved that the House return to the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 106. An act to amend section 1 of No. 243 of the Acts of 1910, relating to prohibiting the payment of fees to a justice of the peace, grand juror, city or village attorney in criminal cases;

Which was agreed to.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 21) *Whereas* the President has recently called for an extraordinary session of Congress, to be held on April second, to consider the needs of the government and the demands of the people, and

*Whereas*, we deem the nation has reached a crisis in its history which compels immediate action to preserve and enforce its internatinoal rights and to protect its citizens in their lawful pursuits at home and aboard, guaranteed to them under the constitution,

*Therefore be it resolved*: That we urgently request our representatives in Congress to favor the enactment at this extraordinary session of a universal military training law, and such other laws as willfully provide for an adequate national defense and reinforce the power of the nation to protect its citizens, maintain its unity of purpose and demand the faithful observance of international law by all other nations.



*Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished by the Secretary of State to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Was read and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 82. An act to amend No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

S. 92. An act to amend section 5104 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1912; section 5105 of the Public Statutes; and section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908, by sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to liquor licenses, providing for a State vote;

To the committee on temperance.

S. 105. An act to provide for a recount of votes in town and county elections;

To the committee on suffrage and elections.

S. 119. An act to give women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors;

To the same committee.

S. 126. An act to amend section 182 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 10 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the system of voting: providing for a plurality election for all town, village and fire district officers;

To the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Matot of Poutlney, the House adjourned.



SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 121. An act relating to investments by domestic life insurance companies;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 31.) Joint resolution relating to universal military training;

Was read the third time and adopted on the part of the House.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 189. An act to amend sections 35, 100, 187 and 200 of No. 249 of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Rutland";

H. 252. An act providing for an appropriation for the construction of as many committee rooms in the present State House and library annex as possible; and for other purposes;

H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways;

H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 321 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto";

H. 430. An act to amend section 6246 of the Public Statutes, as amended, increasing the fees of jurors in county court;

H. 432. An act in addition to No. 140 of the Acts of 1865 as amended by No. 225 of the Acts of 1884, extending the boundaries of the village of Fair Haven;



H. 434. An act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the State;

House bill, entitled

H. 343. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the Session of 1908, relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr Reirdon of Barton moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 74, No 57.)

House bill, entitled

H. 433. An act to amend subdivision VI. of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain property from taxation;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Miller of Westminster moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which was agreed to.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts.

In section 1, line 36, by striking out the word "third" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *first*.

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the public service commission; extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public.



*First.* In section 1, line 9, after the word "power" by inserting the words:

*and of all companies engaged in the construction and maintenance of storage reservoirs, whether for the purpose of prevention of damage by flood, for the purpose of power to be developed at such reservoirs, or for the benefit of water powers developed or undeveloped, so situated as to be affected by said reservoirs.*

*Second.* In the same section, line 19, after the word "companies" by inserting the words *engaged in the manufacture, sale or distribution of electricity.*

*Third.* In the same section, lines 22 and 23, by striking out the words "subject, however to such limitations as may be imposed by the Constitution and laws of the United States. It" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*provided however that all other companies whose principal business is other than the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public for lighting, heating or power, shall be under the supervision of said board only as to that part of said companies' business, which has to do directly with the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity to the public or to be ultimately used by the public for lighting, heating or power. Said board.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Leonard, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

S. 106. An act to amend section 4546 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 148 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the elimination of grade crossings.

By Mr. Rublee, from the committee on suffrage and elections,

S. 122. An act to amend section 20 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections.



Mr. Russell, from the committee on penal institutions, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 84. An act to establish state detention farms.

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

In section 8, line 8, by striking out the words "not more than" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *at least*.

Which was agreed to, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the House propose to the Senate to further amend the bill,

In section 7, line 11, by striking out the word "or" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *of*.

Which was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 236. An act to repeal No. 348 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the Fifteen Mile Falls Power Company;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Section 13 of No. 348 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 13. This act shall be within control of the legislature at any time to amend or repeal as the public good may require, and if said corporation shall not, before December 1, 1917, expend at least five hundred thousand dollars in the purchase of rights and in construction work, and within two years from that date substantially complete the development of said power to the extent of the rights it controls, then this act shall be void.*

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*



The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be amended? Mr. Bond of Searsburg moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes;

Which was disagreed to, the bill was amended as recommended by the committee and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Archer, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks: providing a penalty for failure to perform services;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 33, by striking out the words "the other assisting clerk" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *another assisting clerk*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 35, by striking out the compound word "twenty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *five*.

The amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 415. An act to empower Fire District No. 1 of St. Johnsbury to construct and maintain a water system and to issue bonds;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By adding a new section to be numbered section 10, as follows:

*Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the prudential committee of said fire district to seasonably assess and cause to be collected upon the grand list of said fire district a sum sufficient to pay the interest and principal of such bonds as the same shall become due.*



The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 38. An act to amend paragraph 23 of section 1 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, relating to fish and game;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Flint, from the general committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 199. An act relating to the licensing of persons transporting persons for hire in automobiles or motor vehicles and the making of traffic rules and regulations;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Brooks of Montpelier moved to amend,

*First.* By adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 5, as follows:

*Sec. 5. The provisions of this act shall apply only to those persons who hold themselves out to the public as operators of automobiles or motor vehicles for the transportation of passengers for hire and shall not apply to persons who do not so hold themselves out to the public but who occasionally carry passengers for hire.*

*Second.* By renumbering section 5 as section 6.

Pending consideration of which amendments, Mr. Deyette of Benson moved that the bill with pending amendment be recommitted to the committee;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled



H. 232. An act to amend section 6144 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 184 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill of the following title:

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals";

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills, entitled

S. 4. An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section 1 of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates;

S. 85. An act to amend certain sections of the Charter of the City of Burlington;

And has severally concurred therein.

It has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

And has concurred in the first thereof and refused to concur in the second and asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Demeritt,  
Hawley,  
Taylor.



The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

And had adopted the same on its part.

On motion of Mr. Ranney of West Windsor, the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twenty-third day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 145, An act to amend section 5223, of the Public Statutes, section 5224 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 181 of the Acts of 1910, sections 5225 and 5226 of the Public Statutes and to repeal No. 175 of the Acts of 1915, and requiring the commissioner of taxes to furnish certain notices to licensees heretofore furnished by the board of license commissioners;

H. 167. An act to amend sections 51 and 53 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to school attendance; providing for granting of excuses by school directors and notice for nonattendance;

H. 173. An act relating to headlights and spot lights on vehicles;

H. 194. An act to pay the town of Lunenburg the sum therein named;



H. 234. An act to make the United States census sheets now deposited in county courts accessible;

H. 238. An act to accept the benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to provide for the promotion of vocational education;

H. 354. An act to provide uniform traffic regulations;

H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings.

And on the twenty-fourth day of March he approved and signed the following bill:

H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons.

Mr. Dwinell of Calais called up bills of the following titles:

H. 233. An act to amend section 6145 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary of the attorney general;

H. 343. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the Session of 1908, relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner;

Which were, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 84. An act to establish state detention farms;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 106. An act to amend section 4546 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 148 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the elimination of grade crossings;



S. 122. An act to amend section 20 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections.

House bill, entitled

H. 236. An act to repeal No. 348 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the Fifteen Mile Falls Power Company;

Was read the third time and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Whitney of St. Johnsbury moved that the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 13 of No. 348 of the Acts of 1910, providing for the repeal of the charter of the Fifteen Mile Falls Power Company on December 1, 1917, unless said company expends a certain amount of money before that date.*

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks: providing a penalty for failure to perform services;

H. 415. An act to empower Fire District No. 1 in St. Johnsbury to construct and maintain a water system and to issue bonds.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912 entitled "An act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals".

*First.* By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1.* Section 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

*Sec. 2.* Said listers shall forthwith, after completing such list compile and furnish to the town clerk an abstract showing the total number of maple trees tapped, the number of maple trees available and not tapped, the number of pounds of maple sugar and the number of gallons of maple syrup made,



*during the preceding year, and shall also compile and furnish to said clerk an abstract showing the total number of silos, horses, milch cows, registered neat stock, pure bred bulls, hogs and other stock in the town at the time of taking such list. Said listers shall forthwith after each quadrennial appraisal compile and furnish to said clerk an abstract showing the total number of acres of orchard lands in the town.*

*Second.* By amending the title of the bill so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, relating to an annual censuses of the maple sugar crop and of certain domestic animals.*

Were severally considered and non-concurred in.

Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,  
Howland of Barre City,  
Moore of Ludlow.

On motion of Mr. Ralph of Brookfield, the House adjourned.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:



S. 129. An act to amend section 11 of No. 48 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the assessment and collection of poll taxes; providing for the allowance of a discount;

S. 130. An act relating to the formation of religious corporations;

S. 131. An act to amend section 19 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 6 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appropriation for the use of the live stock commissioner;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 397. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved February 7, 1917, entitled, "An act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes";

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has again considered House bill, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the State Board of Health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane;

And has passed the same in concurrence with further proposals of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 22.) Joint resolution relating to Joint Assembly to receive an emergency message from his Excellency the Governor;



In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910, and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 23d day of March he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 13.) Joint resolution relating to federal and state taxation of incomes and inheritances;

S. 14. An act to amend section 3921 of the Public Statutes, relating to roads for the removal of lumber;

S. 69. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the granting of fourth class licenses, conferring on the commissioner of taxes certain duties heretofore performed by the Secretary of State;

S. 72. An act to amend No. 196 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops;

S. 76. An act relating to the powers of life insurance companies chartered in this State;

S. 99. An act to authorize the town of Barre to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

S. 103. An act to amend section 626 of the Public Statutes, relating to redemption of lands sold for taxes;

S. 107. An act to amend section 19 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the contents of the certificate of proposal to issue capital stock.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:



*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that he desires to deliver a message in the presence of the joint assembly at such hour on Tuesday, March 27, 1917, as the two Houses may fix upon.

Mr. Porter of Sharon moved that the House return to the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

Which was agreed to.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 22.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Tuesday, March 27, 1917, at two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon to receive a message from His Excellency, the Governor;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 129. An act to amend section 11 of No. 48 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the assessment and collection of poll taxes: providing for the allowance of a discount;

To the committee on taxation.

S. 130. An act relating to the formation of religious corporations;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

S. 131. An act to amend section 19 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 6 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appropriation for the use of the live stock commissioner;

To the committee on agriculture.



House bill, entitled

H. 233. An act to amend section 6145 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary of the attorney general;

Which had been called up by Mr. Dwinell of Calais, and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro moved that the bill be ordered to lie.

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 74, No 123), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 29. Nays, 166.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Robinson of Jamaica, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Belknap,  
Bond,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Cudworth,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Fitzgerald,  
Gates,

Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hight,  
Howe,  
Hunt,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kimball,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Miles,  
Moore of Pomfret,

Mott,  
O'Brien,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Root,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Steele,  
Taggart,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,

Burroughs,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,

Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,



Howland,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Matot,  
Merrifield,  
Metsger,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rutland,

Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Sergeant,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,

Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Bailey,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,  
Bentley,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Cummings,  
Dillon,  
Fenton,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Legate,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
Meech,  
Miller of Troy,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Noble,  
Noonan,



Parsons,  
Puffer,  
Rawson,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Stanton,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tuttle,  
Walter,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster,  
Young.

House bill entitled

H. 433. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the Session of 1908, relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner;

Which had been called up by Mr. Dwinell of Calais and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Perkins of Waterbury moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Thursday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 78, No 117), and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 92. Nays, 108.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Campbell of Belvidere, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Belknap,

Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Buck,  
Button,  
Candon,  
Cannon,

Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cudworth,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,



Demick,  
Deyette,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Finnegan,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hemenway,  
Hight,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,

Johnson of Somerset,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Leach,  
McLam,  
Metsger,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
O'Brien,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Reirden,  
Ricker,

Root,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Warren,  
Wheeler,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Archer,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Beard,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Burton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chase,  
Clift,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Dike,  
Dunbar,  
Dunn,

Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Field,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gray,  
Hale,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,

Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Richardson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Roya,  
Russell,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Stedman,  
Stoddard,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Walker,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
White,  
Whitney.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Bailey,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,



Bentley,  
Bix,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Cummings,  
Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Fenton,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
Miller of Troy,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
Parsons,  
Puffer,  
Rawson,  
Ruble,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Stanton,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walter,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster,  
Young.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on conservation, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 410. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

Reported in favor of its passage and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Cook, from the committee on taxation, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled



H. 433. An act to amend subdivision VI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain property from taxation;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 8, after the word "towns" by inserting the words *or town school districts*.

*Second.* By adding to section 1 the following:

*The exemption of lands owned or leased by colleges, academies or other public schools, shall not apply to lands or buildings rented for general commercial purposes, nor to farming or timber lands owned or leased thereby; but this provision shall not affect the exemption of so-called school or college lands, sequestered to such use prior to January twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and eleven.*

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the bill was passed.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 244. An act to amend section 744 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 and to amend section 745 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 1 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915, relating to taxation of trust companies, deducting from taxation money loaned within the State at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent per annum;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Bellows of Swanton moved that the bill be amended,

*First.* By striking out section 3 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 3, as follows:

*Sec. 3. All interest bearing deposits in national banks in this State loaned to persons in this State by the national banks of this State at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum shall be exempt from the tax levied on deposits in such national banks under the provisions of chapter 37 of the Public Statutes and amendments thereto.*



*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 4, as follows:

*Sec. 4. Section 4661 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 27 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 4661. Banks may demand and receive interest on their loans at the rate of five per annum, payable semianually.*

Which amendments were severally disagreed to;

Whereupon, the same member moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Bryant of Lincoln, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill entitled

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has again considered House bill, entitled

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license-commissioners;



And has again passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 27th day of March he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 22.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly to receive an emergency message from His Excellency, the Governor;

S. 91. An act making an appropriation for unselected highways;

S. 100. An act to establish the boundaries of the village of St. Johnsbury;

S. 116. An act to authorize the Sheldon Poorhouse Association to issue bonds to refund its present indebtedness;

S. 124. An act to amend section 4 of No. 280 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 268 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the erection of a memorial to Commodore Thomas MacDonough.

*Joint Assembly.*

At two o'clock and thirty minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twenty-seventh day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:



H. 70. An act to amend section 93 of the Public Statutes, relating to certificates of nomination;

H. 123. An act to amend section 6161 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 188 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by No. 229 of the Acts of 1915, increasing the salary of the state fish and game commissioner;

H. 232. An act to amend section 6144 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 184 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts;

H. 265. An act to amend subdivision B of section 31 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 180 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws;

H. 272. An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis;

H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the public service commission; extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public;

H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee;

H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers;

H. 347. An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes in the town of Ryegate;

H. 367. An act to amend section 5 of No. 253 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the payment of accounts of the purchasing agent;

H. 371. An act to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance moneys, upon requisition, to State officers and to provide for bond of indemnity;

H. 392. An act authorizing the Governor to convey by deed to Fred W. Watson of Townshend the privilege of taking water from a certain spring situated on the property of the State;



H. 396. An act relating to domestic insurance companies: permitting such companies to withdraw deposits with approval of state treasurer;

H. 398. An act to amend section 1366 of the Public Statutes, relating to the duties of the reporter of decisions;

H. 400. An act to prohibit the use of labels attached by wire to bags of feed or grain;

H. 403. An act to amend section 5 of No. 109 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the warning of town and village meetings.

On motion of Mr. McLam of Ryegate, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Austin of Reading offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 32.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are hereby instructed to cause the journals of their respective Houses for the special session of the General Assembly of 1915, held in 1916, to be printed in the same volume as the Journals of the General Assembly of 1917;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on taxation, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 435. An act to amend sections 4, 10 and 11 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by the taxpayers and towns from appraisals; providing for security for costs.

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred House bills of the following titles:



H. 2. An act to appropriate a sum of money to aid the town of Woodbury in liquidating its school debt;

H. 30. An act to appropriate a certain sum for an exhibit of Vermont fruit at the New England fruit show in 1917;

H. 68. An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to aid the town of Searsburg in building a bridge;

H. 94. An act to appropriate a sum of Money to build a state highway through "Smugglers Notch" between the towns of Stowe and Cambridge in Lamoille County;

H. 117. An act to aid the town of Coventry in rebuilding and repairing its river bridges;

H. 157. An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to aid in reconstructing and repairing the highway through Sunderland Hollow in Colchester;

H. 191. An act to provide for the indexing of the records of vital statistics in the office of the Secretary of State;

H. 206. An act to appropriate money to meet disbursements required by section 7 of No. 101 of the Acts of 1915;

H. 255. An act to appropriate a certain sum to be used in the restoration of the building known as the "Old Constitution House";

H. 321. An act relating to the building of a bridge across the Missisquoi River at Richford;

H. 363. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 199 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the care of indigent tuberculous persons;

H. 383. An act appropriating a sum of money for the Soldiers' Home at Bennington for the purpose of erecting buildings destroyed by the fire of February 18, 1917;

H. 408. An act to amend section 273 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 9 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Vermont Historical Society.



Reported as a substitute for said bills and for other purposes a bill, entitled

H. 436. An act making an appropriation for the support of government and providing for ceertain appropriations;

Which was read, whereupon Mr. Smith of St. Albans City moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be recommitted to the committee;

Which motions were severally agreed to.

Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield moved that the Senate be requested to return to the possession of the House, House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county court;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants;

Was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

House bill, entitled

H. 410. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 8, after the word "not" by inserting the words *apply to bookkeepers or stenographers in the offices of real estate brokers nor*.

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.



The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:* The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, No. 16, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate's first proposal of amendment be amended by inserting after the word "issued" the following:

*But this provision shall not apply to persons while enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States.*

*Second.* That the House concur in the Senate proposals of amendment.

HAMILTON S. PECK,  
M. A. ADAMS,  
A. LEE CADY,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

GEORGE L. DUNHAM,  
A. L. FOGG,

*Majority Committee on the part of the House.*

Mr. Aiken, one of the conferees on the part of the House, presented the following minority report:

The undersigned, a minority of the House committee of conference, appointed to consider House bill, No. 16, begs leave to submit the following statement of his views.

1st. The minority recommends that the House refuse to concur in the Senate's proposal of amendment, and that the report of the committee of conference be rejected, in that;—

(a) The amendment as proposed clearly violates section 1, Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution



of the United States, which forbids a state to "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law."

See *Powell vs. Penn.*, 127 U. S. 678.

*Pembina Consol. Min. and Mill. Co. vs. Penn.*,  
125 U. S. 181.

*Haynes vs. Mo.*, 120 U. S. 68.

*Lowe vs. Kansas*, 163 U. S. 81.

*Dobbins vs. Los Angeles*, 195 U. S. 223.

*Chy Lung vs. Freeman*, 92 U. S. 275.

*Shedroi vs. Vermont*, 75 Vt. 277.

(b) The amendment as proposed contravenes Art. 7 of the Vermont Constitution, which says "that the government is, or ought to be instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or disadvantage of any single man, family, or set of men, who are a part only of that community."

Thus the proposed amendment is in violation of both Federal and State Constitutions in that it subjects citizens in one town, or under certain conditions, to burdens to which other citizens are not subject.

(c) The minority believes that the House would, in passing a bill which is so questionable, and upon which there is such a diversity of opinion, subject itself to severe criticism for the enactment of a law under which the first difficulty would probably lead to action in our courts.

(d) The minority also believes that the proposed amendment is contrary to the spirit of unity and reciprocity which has heretofore existed between the towns and communities and has immeasurably furthered the unity of action of the State as a whole; and that it is unfair legislation which would impose upon persons residing in a town which has no one qualified, or capable, to perform the marriage ceremony, burdens which it does not impose upon citizens of adjoining towns.

*Secondly.* The minority charges that the report of the committee is void and of no effect, in that;

(a) The committee has conducted itself in such a disorderly and unparliamentary manner as to render its decision valueless.



(b) The committee has placed itself in a doubtful position by introducing matter in no way referred to it, and for the purpose of expediting the acceptance of its report, rather than for the improvement of the bill under consideration.

The following is a statement of the facts as regards (a). The first meeting of the committee was held March 21, after adjournment in the afternoon. A secretary was appointed but kept no records whatever because, as he said "they weren't worth keeping." The senator from Windsor was not present, nor was he present at any of the meetings of the committee except the one following the signing of the report. The undersigned was given no opportunity to speak, as is required by all parliamentary usage.

The second meeting was held on March 22 after adjournment in the afternoon. No agreement was reached.

The third meeting was called for March 23, at 1 P. M. The senator from Windsor and the senator from Orleans were not present, in connection with which the minority would call the attention of the members of the Assembly to the following rules of procedure, to be found in the Legislative Directory, Manual of Parliamentary Practice;

Page 296. A committee of conference is not a heterogeneous committee, acting as one committee, but two committees, each acting by a majority. and

Page 287. A committee can act only when together, and not be separate consultation and consent, nothing being the report of the committee but what has been agreed to in committee actually assembled.

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The committee report as written was not signed by the members in committee assembled.

The senators from Orleans and Windsor were not even present. Authority was claimed by the senator from Chittenden to sign the name of the senator from Windsor. The senator from Orleans signed the report the day following the final conference and did not know about the conference of the day before.

The representative from Underhill did not sign in committee but was approached by the chairman of the House committee and signed the report outside of the committee.



The representative from Putney did not sign the report, was not requested to sign and was not shown the report until four days after the report was decided upon. At that time the committee was called together again with the statement that it was the sole purpose of the meeting to request the member from Putney to sign the report, which he refused to do.

He was then asked if he wished to enter a protest at the foot of the report. Considering the slipshod and chaotic manner in which the business of the committee had been conducted the member from Putney refused to have any further connection with the report or the committee, and trusted to the fair-mindedness of the House to consider justly and impartially the facts as they are presented to it.

There was no formal vote on the matter under consideration.

All this evidence would seem to show conclusively that the leaders of the majority by working upon each member separately and not in the committee assembled, has led them to believe that the committee had reached an amicable agreement and in this manner secured their signatures to the report.

Bearing these things in mind will the members of the House please consider the following common and requisite rules of parliamentary law:—

First. Paul's Parliamentary Law, page 56,

The question referred to them, (the committee) must be considered in a meeting where a majority of the members are present.

Secondly. Communications with the several members on the subject by telephone (and the House will notice that the senator from Windsor was consulted by telephone) does not constitute such conference, and will not be considered sufficient should the question of a meeting be raised.

Thirdly. Hollisters' Manual. Page 143.

In regard to its form of proceeding a committee is essentially a miniature assembly—it can act only when regularly assembled together, as a committee, and not by separate consultation and consent of the members; nothing being the report of the committee but what is agreed to in that manner; a vote taken in committee is as binding as a



vote of the Assembly, a majority of the members is necessary to constitute a quorum for business, unless a larger or smaller number is fixed by the House itself.

Lastly. Gaine's Revision of Cushing's Manual. Page 143.

In case the committee is small the proceedings may become much the nature of an informal conference, but should always close with formal action on the report.

Also—In small committees oppressive strictness in the observance of formalities is needless. The final vote however should always be formal.

The members of the House can readily see that all these regulations are necessary for a fair consideration of both sides of the question. The committee of conference having violated all of these the minority would respectfully submit that the report of the committee is worthless and ought to be rejected.

Signed:

E. W. AIKEN.

After discussion on the question of the adoption of the report of the majority, Mr. Ranney of West Windsor moved that debate on the pending question do now cease;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 75, No 110.)

After further discussion, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be ordered to lie:

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 119, No 37.)

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:* Your committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon Senate bill, No. 41 respectfully report



that they have considered the same and recommend that the second House proposal of amendment be amended by striking out the figures "1917" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 1918 and that when so amended the proposal of amendment be concurred in by the Senate.

B. R. DEMERITT,  
DONLY C. HAWLEY,  
H. E. TAYLOR,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

JAMES K. PIRIE,  
FRANK G. HOWLAND,  
ERNEST E. MOORE,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners.

*First.* In section 1, line 25, by striking out the words "within ten days after the first Tuesday in" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *During the month of*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 26, by striking out the word "he" and inserting in lieu thereof of the word *the*.

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane.

*First.* By striking out all of section 4 and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.



*Second.* In the second section 5 of the bill, line 6, after the word "as" by inserting the word *amended*.

*Third.* In section 3, line 18, by striking out the word "nine" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *seven*.

*Fourth.* In the same section, lines 24 and 25, by striking out the words "eleven hundred twenty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *eight hundred seventy-five*.

*Fifth.* To amend the title of the bill so as to read as follows:

*An act to reorganize the state board of health.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Parker of West Rutland, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 162 of the Acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer;

H. 411. An act to amend section 4532 of the Public Statutes, as amended, and to amend section 4605 of the Pub-



lic Statutes, relating to the issuance of free transportation by railroads; prohibiting the issuance of such transportation to the public service commission and its employees;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns;

And has rejected the same.

The Senate has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 84. An act to establish state detention farms;

And has severally concurred therein.

The Senate insists upon its proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals;"

And asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Foote,  
Vilas,  
Adams.

The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference on the Senate bill, entitled

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

And has adopted the same on its part.

The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference on House bill, entitled



H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

And has adopted the same on its part.

I am directed by the Senate to return to the custody of the House, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

Was ordered to lie;

Which was agreed to, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be ordered to lie? It was decided in the negative;

And the question being, Will the House adopt the report of the committee of conference? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 109. Nays, 76.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Ranney of West Windsor, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Bronson,

Brooks,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Curtis,

Dana,  
Demick,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Finnegan,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,



Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
Matot,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,

Noonan,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Pirie,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Root,  
Ruble,

Smalley,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Webster,  
West,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Austin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Briggs,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Collins,  
Dalrymple,  
Day,  
Dike,

Dunbar,  
Dunn,  
Field,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Foley,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Hemingway,  
Hill,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,

O'Brien  
O'Dowd,  
Orcutt,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,  
Ranney,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stiles,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Trouville,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
Wellinger,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Waltham.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
Archer,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,

Deyette,  
Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Fenton,  
Fogg,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Kimball,  
King,



LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Lynaugh,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Meech,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Troy,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Potter,  
Rawson,

Reirden,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Seaver,  
Shepard,  
Stanton,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tuttle,  
Waiter,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Wilson of Pownal.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 397. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved February 7, 1917, entitled "An Act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes".

In section 1, line 8, by striking out the word "an" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *one*.

Was considered and concurred in.

House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks: extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as tenthly proposed by the committee? (See page 526) It was decided in the affirmative;

Whereupon, Mr. Howland of Barre City, moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 2, line 153, after the word "lien" by inserting the following: *provided that such bonds are in fact secured either by first lien on the major portion of the mortgaged premi-*



ses, or by a first and refunding mortgage, or by a lien for the refunding of which bonds which are legal are specifically reserved; and.

Which amendment was agreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Campbell of Belvidere moved to amend the bill,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. It is hereby enacted that the law exempting money from taxation in the savings banks and trust company in Vermont be hereby repealed.*

*Sec. 2. And instead of this a law exempting money from taxation, when loaned on real estate and personal property at a rate of interest not to exceed four and one-half per cent in this State..*

*Sec. 3. Be it further enacted that the depositors in the savings banks and trust companies be restrained from drawing their money from such savings banks and trust companies any faster than said savings banks and trust companies pay said depositors without causing business depression.*

*Sec. 4. And be it further enacted that said savings banks and trust companies be restrained from forcing collections against their creditors to the end that the change from the present law may be adjusted without any business depression.*

*Sec. 5. Any law enacted prior to this act or inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.*

*Sec. 6. This act shall take effect April 1st, 1918.*

Which amendment was disagreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Foley, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been referred joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 21.) Joint resolution urgently requesting the immediate enactment of a federal universal military training law;



Reported that the joint resolution ought to be adopted in concurrence, read the second time and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

S. 82. An act to amend No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads.

By Mr. Esden, from the committee on suffrage and elections,

S. 126. An act to amend section 182 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 10 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the system of voting: providing for a plurality election for all town, village and fire district officers.

By Mr. Spalding, from the committee on agriculture,

S. 131. An act to amend section 19 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 6 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appropriation for the use of the live stock commissioner.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on taxation, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 376. An act to constitute a board of appraisers of domestic manufacturing, mercantile, public utility and trading corporations, not under the law exempt from local taxation;

Reported that the amendment formerly recommended by the committee (See page 387) be adopted and that when so amended the bill ought to pass;

And the question being, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee? It was decided in the negative. (On a division: Yes 76, No 93.)

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading was ordered for tomorrow. (On a division: Yes 90, No 89)



Mr. Smith, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 379. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the Acts of 1915, relating to exemptions on account of charges of book account;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 9, by inserting in the blank the words *one thousand*.

The bill was read the second time, the amendment disagreed to (On a division: Yes 57, No 94), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Mott, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In section 1, line 5, by striking out the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three*.

The bill was read the second time, the amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Haynes, for a majority of the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 119. An act to give women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 68, No 101.)

And the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? *It* was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 111, No 66.)

Mr. Williams of Pawlet moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused the third reading of House bill, entitled

H. 233. An act to amend section 6145 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary of the attorney general;



Which was disagreed to.

Yeas, 36. Nays, 146..

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Barrett of Cabot, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Belknap,  
Bond,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Buck,  
Cudworth,  
Deyette,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,

Fitzgerald,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hight,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kimball,  
Legate,

McCray,  
Miles,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Brien,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Puffer,  
Rawson,  
Root,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bell,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,

Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Leonard,  
McLam,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Merrifield,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rutland,

Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Taggart,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Matot,
Austin,	Meech,
Bailey,	Metzger,
Ball of Maidstone,	Miller of Hancock,
Becker,	Miller of Troy,
Beers,	Mott,
Bellows of Cambridge,	Noble,
Bellows of Swanton,	Noonan,
Button,	Osgood of Rockingham,
Carlton,	Parker of Lowell,
Chapman of Windham,	Parsons,
Chessmore,	Perkins of Plainfield,
Coburn of Jay,	Perkins of Waterbury,
Cox,	Reirden,
Cummings,	Richardson,
Cunnington,	Robinson of Jamaica,
Dillon,	Seaver,
Dunham of Athens,	Shepard,
Fenton,	Spalding,
Field,	Stanton,
Higgins of Woodford,	Stearns,
Hinds,	Steele,
Hunt,	Stoddard,
Hutchinson,	Stuart,
King,	Taylor of Greensboro,
LaFleur,	Taylor of Tinmouth,
Lamb,	Tuttle,
Lynaugh,	Walker,
McLaughlin,	Walter,
Martin of Winhall,	Wilson of Pownal.

Mr. Merrifield of Grafton introduced the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 33.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the state treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to each member of the General Assembly, to the Chaplain of the Senate and to the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, the sum of one hundred dollars on March 30, 1917; said payment to apply on account of compensation for the Session.

Which was read and its adoption on the part of the House refused.

Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield moved that the rules be suspended and that the House reconsider its vote whereby it concurred in Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled



H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

Which motions were severally agreed to and the question recurring, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? the same member moved that the House non-concur and asked for a committee of conference;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Porter of Sharon.

Mr. Prouty of Newport moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused the adoption on its part of joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 33.) Joint resolution relating to the payment of members and chaplains on March 30, 1917;

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 88, No 60.)

And the question recurring, Will the House adopt the joint resolution on its part? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 93, No 61.)

Mr. Brooks of Montpelier offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 19.) Whereas the House of Representatives notes with pleasure the presence here today of Charles Wesley Sayward of Woodstock, Vermont, now eighty-five years old, who at the age of twenty-seven had charge of the construction of the stucco work in the interior decoration of the present State House and to whose craftsmanship we are indebted for the impressive beauty of this hall, therefor be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives that as a token of our appreciation of his work we extend to him a hearty welcome to this House after so many years and ask that he may be presented before this body;*

Which was read and adopted.



In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the Speaker appointed as a committee to present Mr. Sayward at the bar of the House the following named members:

Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,  
Curtis of Worcester.

The committee performed the duty assigned them and introduced Mr. Sayward to the members of the House.

Mr. Gray of Morgan moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused the passage of House bill, entitled

H. 343. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the Session of 1908, relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner;

Which was disagreed to. (On a division: Yes 60, No 100.)

Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections, relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

Was read and referred to the committee on penal institutions.

On motion of Mr. Young of Brandon, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. Hall Long of Ferrisburg.

Mr. Austin, from the committee on education, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 437. An act imposing upon the state board of education the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the state agricultural schools;



Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Dwinell of Calais moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposals of amendments to House bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912 entitled "An act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals";

Which was agreed to and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House the following named members:

Mr. Dwinell of Calais,  
Candon of Pittsford,  
Cudworth of Londonderry.

Joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 21.) Joint resolution requesting the immediate enactment of a federal universal military training law;

Was read the third time and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 82. An act to amend No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads;

S. 126. An act to amend section 182 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 10 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the system of voting: providing for a plurality election for all town, village and fire district officers.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 131. An act to amend section 19 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 6 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appropriation for the use of the live stock commissioner;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence?



Mr. Candon of Pittsford moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 67, No 96), and the bill was passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses.

House bill, entitled

H. 376. An act to constitute a board of appraisers of domestic manufacturing, mercantile, public utility and trading corporations, not under the law exempt from local taxation;

Was read the third time, and pending the question. Shall the bill pass? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. If before April first of each year, the listers of any town are notified by the state tax commissioner that he desires to be consulted concerning the appraisal of the stock of any corporation they shall, before such appraisal is made for the purposes of taxation, first consult with said commissioner relative thereto.*

Which amendment was disagreed to and the passage of the bill was refused.

Mr. Deyette, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 129. An act to amend section 11 of No. 48 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the assessment and collection of poll taxes; providing for the allowance of a discount;



Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers;

Reported in favor of its passage and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Allen, for a majority of the committee on temperance, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 92. An act to amend section 5104 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1912, section 5105 of the Public Statutes; and section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and by sections 1 and 2 of No. 123 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to liquor licenses; providing for a State vote;

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Mr. O'Sullivan, for a minority of the same committee, reported that the bill ought not to pass in concurrence;

The bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Moore of Plymouth moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered bills of the following titles:

H. 160. An act to amend paragraphs 2 and 12 and to repeal paragraph 7 of section 2 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended and to amend section 5 of No. 196 of the



Acts of 1894, as amended, relating to the village of West Derby, abolishing the highway district of West Derby;

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

H. 247. An act to amend section 27 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 251 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the charter of the city of St. Albans, permitting additional appropriations by the city council for school purposes;

H. 252. An act providing for an appropriation for the construction of as many committee rooms in the present State House and library annex as possible, and for other purposes;

H. 322. An act to repeal and amend certain sections of No. 188 of the Acts of 1898: abolishing the highway district of Derby Center;

H. 348. An act to authorize the village of Alburg to acquire land for sewer purposes;

H. 373. An act to pay the weekly underwriter the sum therein named;

H. 413. An act to authorize the Fair Haven graded school district to issue bonds;

H. 414. An act to amend section 2 of No. 299 of the Acts of 1910 in amendment of No. 248 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An act empowering the town of Brighton to purchase and construct a water system and to issue bonds;"

H. 416. An act to pay Henry Dumas the sum therein named;

H. 418. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways," approved March 2, 1917.

And has passed the same in concurrence.



The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 253. An act to pay George F. Leland the sum therein named;

H. 275. An act to provide for a rate of taxation on stocks, bonds, and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915;

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 20.) Joint resolution relating to paying expenses of members of committees to attend funerals;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 92. An act to amend section 5104 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1912, section 5105 of the Public Statutes and section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908, by sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to liquor licenses, providing for a State vote;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time It was decided in the affirmative, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Yeas, 105. Nays, 102.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Hunt of Danville, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Aubee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Carpenter,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Curtis,  
Demick,

Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Eaden,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lawson,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Matot,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,

Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Porter,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rood,  
Ruble,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Briggs,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Cannon,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Eaton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,

Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
King,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Meech,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Sullivan,

Orcutt,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Root,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Wooster,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bailey,	Hill,
Becker,	Hinds,
Beers,	Johnson of Huntington,
Burroughs,	Kimball,
Campbell of Belvidere,	Kingsbury,
Campbell of Sutton,	Lynaugh,
Carlton,	Martin of Winhall,
Chase,	Miller of Troy,
Coburn of Jay,	Noble,
Cox,	Robinson of Jamaica,
Cummings,	Roys,
Cunnington,	Shepard,
Dillon,	Stanton,
Dunham of Athens,	Stoddard,
Fenton,	Tuttle,
Hicks,	Wilson of Bristol,
Higgins of Woodford,	Wilson of Pownal.

Mr. Deyette, from the committee on taxation, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 109. An act to exempt from taxation the property of the East Barre W. C. T. U. Library, Inc.;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Beard, from the same committee, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 377. An act relating to certain reports from foreign corporations to the commissioner of taxes;

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. L. Wells, Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow presiding.

Mr. Parker of Lowell moved that House bill, entitled  
H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds.

Be taken from the committee on municipal corporations and re-referred to the committee on banking and insurance;

Which was agreed to.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 20.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the auditor of accounts is hereby instructed to draw his orders in favor of the officers of the General Assembly and the members of the several committees appointed to attend the funerals of deceased members and officers of the present General Assembly, for the expenses of said committee, members and officers incurred in the performance of the duty placed upon them.

Was read and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Allbee, from the committee on state and court expenses,

H. 438. An act to amend section 316 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 3 of No. 20 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties of the sergeant at arms and fixing the pay of his employees.

By Mr. Gridley, from the committee on fish and game,

H. 439. An act to amend subdivision A of section 8 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 changing payment of damage by deer from general fund to special fish and game fund.



By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 440. An act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the Acts of 1898, relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line: increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of town of Derby to village of Derby Line.

Mr. Wilson of Chelsea asked and had unanimous consent to introduce a bill, entitled

H. 441. An act to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof.

The bill was read the first time, whereupon Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read the second and third times at this time and placed upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, the bill was read the second time, its third reading ordered, read the third time and passed by unanimous vote.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow asked and had unanimous consent to introduce a bill, entitled

H. 442. An act relating to the appointment of license commissioners by the Governor for the year, 1917.

The bill was read the first time, whereupon Mr. Moore moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read the second and third times at this time and placed upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, the bill was read the second time, its third reading ordered, read the third time and passed.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 92. An act to amend section 5104 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 2 of No. 198 of the Acts of 1912, section 5105 of the Public Statutes, and section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908, by sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910 and by section 5 of No. 179 of the Acts of 1910, relating to liquor licenses, providing for a State vote;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Parker of West Rutland asked and had leave to offer a proposal of amendment.

By striking out all of section 3 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 3, as follows:

*Sec. 3. If in any year the State votes for license, then in those counties where any town votes for license, the Governor shall appoint license commissioners in conformity with the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes, and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners," enacted by the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 30, 1917.*

Which proposal of amendment was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence with a proposal of amendment? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 103. Nays, 108.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Ralph of Brookfield, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bliss,  
Bond,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Burroughs,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Carpenter,

Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunton,  
Dwinell,  
Esden,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,

Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lawson,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Porter,



Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Rublee,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,

Spalding,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,

Waite of Weston,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
Wellinger,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Belknap,  
Bentley,  
Bix  
Briggs,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Cannon,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Clift,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,

Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,

Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Root,  
Roya,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stoddard,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
Webster,  
West,  
White,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Young.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Bailey,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Chase,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cox,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Hicks,

Higgins of Woodford,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Lynaugh,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Miller of Troy,  
Noble,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Stanton,  
Wheeler,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Pownal.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 129. An act to amend section 11 of No. 48 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the assessment and collection of poll taxes; providing for the allowance of a discount;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bill, entitled

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers;

Was read the third time and passed.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 253. An act to pay George F. Leland the sum therein named.

In section 1, line 3, by striking out the words "eighty-five dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents*;

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 275. An act to provide for a rate of taxation on stocks, bonds, and notes held by trustee acting under order of court and to repeal section 27 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915;

By adding a new section to be numbered section 8, as follows:

*Section 8. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners;

In section 1, line 3, by striking out the word "one" and inserting in lieu thereof the article and word *a majority*;

Was considered and non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Danville, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

Mr. Foley, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 291. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 263 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 282 of the Acts of 1912, relating to State aid for indigent veterans: providing aid for wives of indigent veterans;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 2, line 24, by striking out the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *one*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 26, after the word "accounts" by striking out the following: "and be allowed in addition a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars each quarter, for clerk hire."

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading ordered for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 435. An act to amend sections 4, 10 and 11 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals: providing for security for costs;

H. 437. An act imposing upon the state board of education the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the state agricultural schools.

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of West Fairlee, the House adjourned.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled



S. 89. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to restrictions on exemptions from taxation; excluding from such taxation orphanages, homes and hospitals;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 441. An act to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof;

H. 442. An act relating to the appointment of license commissioners by the Governor for the year 1917;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 32.) Joint resolution to provide for printing the journals of the General Assembly for the special session of 1916;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate has acceded to the request of the House for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Cady,  
Hawley,  
Bigelow.

Mr. Reirden of Barton presiding.



Mr. Moore, from the committee on rules, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 443. An act to prohibit certain acts while the United States is at war or threatened with war;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 89. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to restrictions on exemptions from taxation; excluding from such taxation orphanages, homes, and hospitals;

Was read the the first time and referred to the committee on taxation.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 291. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 263 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 282 of the Acts of 1912, relating to state aid for indigent veterans: providing aid for wives of indigent veterams;

H. 435. An act to amend sections 4, 10 and 11 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals: providing for security for costs;

H. 437. An act imposing upon the state board of education the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the state agricultural schools.

Mr. Allbee, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 20.) Joint resolution relating to paying expenses of members of committees to attend funerals;

Reported in favor of the adoption of the joint resolution in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. O'Sullivan, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled



S. 130. An act relating to the formation of religious corporations;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 188. An act to amend section 6155 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary and expenses of the adjutant and inspector general;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 11, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 352. An act granting to John H. Lutz of Grand Isle, Vermont and Clarence A. Lutz and William H. Lutz of the State of New York, a ferry across Lake Champlain, between Grand Isle and Gravely Point Cumberland Head, New York;

Reported in favor of its passage, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Young, for a majority of the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 276. An act appropriating a sum of money to build and maintain a public water transportation terminal on Lake Champlain at Burlington, and creating a water terminal board;

Reported that the bill ought to be rejected.

Mr. Miner, for a minority of the same committee, reported in favor of its passage when amended,



By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. The sum of eighty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of acquiring by lease or otherwise land and water rights and building and maintaining a public water transportation terminal, constructed as a suitable pier or piers into Lake Champlain at the port of Burlington, provided that the city of Burlington leases to the State of Vermont the plot of land owned by said city at and near the foot of College street in said city, at an annual rental of one dollar per year.*

*Sec. 2. A board is hereby created, to be known as the Vermont Water Terminal Board, consisting of three members to be appointed by the Governor during the month of May, 1917, one for a term of two years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of six years; and biennially thereafter one member for a term of six years. Said board shall designate one of their number as chairman, and the Governor shall fill all vacancies occurring on said board. The members of the board shall serve without pay or compensation, but may receive personal expenses incurred by the duties of their office. The auditor of accounts shall draw his order for the payment of such expenses upon proper vouchers approved by the Governor.*

*Sec. 3. The Water Terminal Board shall carry out the provisions of this act and make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable, including the employment of a superintendant, for the erection, maintenance and operation of said water terminal, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, on the aforesaid land of the city of Burlington and any land otherwise acquired.*

*Sec. 4. The board or its authorized agent shall make equitable proper terminal charges for the use by the public of such terminal, and from the funds therefrom shall pay all the expenses of operation and maintenance, and shall annually pay to the state treasurer any surplus income after all expenses are paid.*

*Sec. 5. The board shall make an annual report in December of the operation of the water terminal, including all receipts and expenditures of money in connection therewith, to the Governor.*

*Sec. 6. The auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw his order for eighty thousand dollars, or any part thereof, as the work progresses, in favor of said Vermont Water Terminal Board whenever said board or a majority of its members*



shall make requisition for the same, and certify to the amount of work completed and the expense thereof.

Sec. 7. To provide the funds necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act the state treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and issue in the name and behalf of the state negotiable bonds to an amount not exceeding eighty thousand dollars and such bonds shall be designated as the Vermont State Public Water Terminal Bonds and shall be issued in coupon form, payable to bearer, in the denominations of one thousand (1,000) dollars and five hundred (500) dollars each, and shall be payable not less than

dollars annually, the first of such annual payments to be made not later than year after the date of such bonds, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four (4) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The principal and interest of such bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, at the state treasurer's office in Montpelier, Vermont, or at Boston, Massachusetts or New York, N. Y., as may be determined by the treasurer. Such bonds shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the secretary of state and auditor of accounts, and shall bear the seal of the state; and such bonds shall be registered in the office of the secretary of state. The interest coupons thereon shall bear the facsimile signature of the treasurer. Such bonds shall bear date and be issued at such time as the state treasurer and governor shall determine, and shall contain on the face thereof a statement that they are issued for the purposes herein mentioned, under authority of and in conformity with this act, and such statement shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of the liability of the state to any bona fide holder thereof, and the bonds so issued shall be the lawful obligations of the state. The date, place of payment and rate of interest and other particulars as to the form of such bonds, within the limitations mentioned herein, shall be determined by the treasurer as he may deem for the best interests of the state.

Sec. 8. The treasurer is hereby authorized to sell such bonds at not less than par, after soliciting bids for the same in such manner as he shall deem for the best interests of the state, reserving, however, the right to reject any and all bids, and to sell at private sale any bonds not so sold. The acceptance of any bid for and the award of such bonds shall be countersigned by the secretary of state and the auditor of accounts. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of each and every bond issued, the number and denomination of such bond; when issued, when and where payable, to whom issued and the rate of interest thereon, and shall keep an accurate record of all pay-



*ments of interest and principal, and when coupons or bonds are paid shall deface and cancel the same. Such bonds shall be exempt from taxation in this state.*

*Sec. 9. The proceeds arising from the sale of such bonds, including any premium from the sale thereof, shall be applied to the purposes herein named, but no purchaser of such bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the proceeds thereof. The amount necessary each year to pay the maturing principal and interest of such bonds shall be included in and made a part of the annual appropriation bill for the expense of the state government. Principal and interest on such bonds shall be paid by the treasurer as the same fall due, without further order or authority.*

*Sec. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, in so far as the same relate to the subject matter of this act.*

*Sec. 11. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

And pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Stearns of Burlington moved the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 438. An act to amend section 316 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 3 of No. 20 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties of the sergeant at arms and fixing the pay of his employees;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Deyette of Benson moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Tuesday next at two o'clock and forty-five minutes;

Which was agreed to. (On a division: Yes 100, No 16.)

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 439. An act to amend subdivision A of section 8 of No. 201 of the Acts of the 1912 changing payment of damage done by deer from general fund to special fish and game fund. (On a division: Yes 90, No 44.)



H. 440. An act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the Acts of 1898, relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line; increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of town of Derby to village of Derby Line.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 128. An act to enable towns to acquire land and buildings for town houses and free libraries;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

Mr. O'Brien, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 372. An act to authorize the purchase of portable stone crushers for use by the several counties of the State;

Reported adversely to its passage and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Waite of Shoreham moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at three o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gates, from the committee on ways and means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 382. An act to provide for the uniform appraisal and taxation of property owned or operated for the generation, sale or transmission of electrical energy;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be ordered to lie, pending which question, Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.



MONDAY APRIL 2, 1917.

The Speaker presiding.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 57. An act granting to Elisha N. Goodsell a ferry across Lake Champlain between Grand Isle and Cumberland Head;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 314. An act relating to the open season for fishing in Forest Lake or Leach pond;

H. 407. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the militia," approved March 3, 1917;

H. 412. An act to amend paragraph A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 187 of the Acts of 1915, relating to fish and game; changing dates in which wild ducks and wild geese may be taken and possessed;

H. 434. An act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the State;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 18.) Joint resolution providing for printing the proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society;

(J. R. S. 19.) Joint resolution relating to the payment of the commissioner's expenses in re boundary case pending between Vermont and New Hampshire;



In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered joint resolution originating in the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 31.) Joint resolution relating to universal military training;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the joint special committee authorized by joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee.

As follows:

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

The special joint committee appointed to visit the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro, to take into consideration, investigate and report upon the management of said institution and the care and treatment of persons who have been or are now confined therein, and as to the honest and faithful performance of all the duties of the officers thereof, reports as follows:

The committee are disposed, by way of preface, to offer the briefest possible outline of the foundation of the Retreat.

In 1834 a ten thousand dollar bequest created a trust for the purpose of providing a suitable place for the proper care and treatment of insane persons, and thus was founded Brattleboro Retreat. The trust provided for a self-perpetuating board of four trustees. In the same year the trust or trustees were incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont and the act of incorporation was made subject to amendment by any future legislature "so far as to provide for the more perfect and effectual accomplishment of the objects of this act."

From this small beginning the Retreat has grown to its present large proportions, consisting of some twenty-five hundred acres of land and numerous expensive buildings,



including the so-called Retreat, Lawton Hall and Linden Lodge. At different periods between 1834 and 1912 the State has contributed to the repairs and improvements of the buildings, all told, the sum of thirty-seven thousand dollars and has an equitable lien on the property for the return of this sum, contingent upon the event that the Retreat should cease to be a charitable institution. The growth and development of the Retreat is, therefore, the result of private benefactions and great ability and foresight in management.

Your committee upon being appointed immediately proceeded to Brattleboro and made a careful inspection of the buildings of the Retreat, the condition of the rooms; the kitchen and dining room arrangements, laundry, heating and ventilating systems, fire escapes and fire protection equipment; the condition of the patients as to being clothed and the facilities for proper treatment and care of the patients and the quantity and quality of the food.

Our inspection of the rooms on the eighteen wards included each room on each ward. On the whole we find these rooms clean. The mattresses of the beds on the whole are poor. The bedding, except upon the back halls, where the more disturbed class of patients are kept, was clean. Each ward is supplied with proper toilet and bath arrangements with sanitary plumbing.

The recently installed heating and ventilating system we consider entirely adequate and satisfactory.

Our examination of the kitchen, bakery, cold storage and food supplies on hand, together with invoices of supplies bought by the institution and all evidence introduced upon this subject show the food purchased to be of good quality and sufficient in quantity.

The food is well cooked considering the quantity necessarily consumed and the same is served in as good condition as can be expected with the present facilities, construction of the buildings, and the distance of the ward dining rooms from the kitchen, which dining room and kitchen arrangements, in the opinion of your committee, make it impossible to satisfactorily serve the food and is the direct cause for the complaints of poor food. The dining rooms are poorly ventilated and unattractive.

We find the number and location of fire escapes, particularly on the main building, to be inadequate and in case of



fire serious loss of life might result. We recommend that this matter be taken up with the State Board of Health and that the institution conform to the requirements of such Board.

Charges that the institution is infested with vermin were made before this committee and we find respecting these charges that these conditions exist to some extent, due to the age of some of the buildings and the nature of the institution. These pests are constantly combated by the management.

Your committee, after completing their examination at Brattleboro, proceeded to hear the evidence presented before it. Seventy-nine witnesses appeared and testified before the committee. Your committee have given all persons having complaint to make respecting the management of the institution of the treatment of patients therein an opportunity to be heard, and have required all witnesses to appear and testify who had any information or knowledge concerning the subject matter of the investigation. The Retreat has been represented by competent counsel. The Board of Trustees has been represented at all the hearings and the institution given full opportunity to be heard.

Among the witnesses appearing before the committee were the trustees, superintendent, assistant physician, nurses, attendants and employees of the institution, former nurses and attendants, discharged patients, members of the State Board of Supervisors of the Insane, physicians connected with other institutions and others interested in the welfare of patients confined in the Retreat. One thousand twenty-one typewritten pages of testimony were taken.

Your committee find that there is an insufficient number of attendants employed by the institution; that they are in some instances untruthful and unreliable; that there is a lack of supervision of their work, and no attempt to improve the efficiency of attendants by any method of systematic instruction; that the standard of wages offered for attendants is so low and the work is of such a nature that few trustworthy persons are attracted from other occupations to become permanently identified with the institution, which in a measure accounts for the constantly changing and unsatisfactory force of attendants employed. We find that for a period of three years past the average number of attendants in both the men's and women's wards has been but 65% of the requisite number as shown by the testimony of the officers of the institution.



Various complaints of general ill treatment of patients by attendants were laid before your committee, and these were thoroughly investigated by us. Your committee find that patients have been ill treated by attendants and the evidence tended to show that in some cases patients have been knocked down and otherwise abused by attendants, but without the knowledge of those in charge of the institution. We find that such abuses would not be tolerated if known to the officers of the institution, and in all such cases coming to the knowledge of Dr. Lawton or his assistants the attendants have been discharged. Such supervision of attendants should be enforced as will certainly prevent occurrences of this kind.

The following specific cases are specially noted, viz.:

#### THE GUILFORD CASE.

In this case the following charges were made by Mrs. Hattie M. Guilford:

1. That she was put into a straight jacket and tied to a bed and left there for several days at a time, and while in a straight jacket, she was compelled to eat her food from a tin plate placed on the floor of her room.
2. That she was knocked down three times a week, and on one occasion was struck with a piece of iron or lead pipe, leaving a scar upon her head.
3. That she was thrown on to a bed by an attendant and her head pounded against the wall until she became unconscious.
4. That she was put into a place (dungeon) under the floor of her room and left there for two days without food or water.
5. That attendants inflicted wounds upon her arms and chest.
6. That she saw a patient killed in the hall by the night watchman.
7. That she was compelled to take an oath not to disclose the truth respecting conditions at the Retreat.
8. That she sustained a broken jaw while confined at the Retreat.



With reference to the first seven charges as made by Mrs. Guilford your committee find the charges unsupported by the evidence.

As to the eighth charge your committee find that Mrs. Guilford's jaw has been broken, but we are unable to find from the evidence that she sustained this injury while she was a patient at the Retreat.

Your committee find that the Retreat disclaimed liability for the injuries claimed by Mrs. Guilford to have been sustained while at the Retreat, but to avoid expense of suit and publicity settled her claim for damages by paying her one thousand dollars.

#### THE CLEMENT CASE.

Complaint was made that Mrs. Lillian Searles Clement was not properly cared for at the Retreat.

Your committee find that Lillian Searles Clement, the wife of Foster R. Clement, was taken to the Retreat on September, 9 1915, in a much disturbed condition of mind; that she was confined there nine weeks and two days; that it was extremely difficult to care for her properly owing to the habits peculiar to the form of insanity from which she was suffering; that she was visited there by friends and relatives and found naked, in a room without furniture, in a much neglected condition; that she was destructive in her tendencies. Your committee find that the Retreat should have given Mrs. Clement closer care and attention. We think Mrs. Clement might and should have been supplied with clothing adapted to her condition and needs and that measures should be taken to provide such patients with proper clothing and proper furnishings should be placed in rooms where this class of patients must be confined.

#### THE BARRETT CASE.

In this case it was claimed that one W. E. Barrett, a patient at the Retreat, from January, 1912 to July, 1912, sustained injuries to his nose and forehead.

Your committee investigated this matter very fully and are unable to find that the patient was injured while at the Retreat. We find that during the latter part of his confinement there Mr. Barret failed rapidly and death was the result of the disease from which he was suffering at the time of his commitment.



**THE GRACE ADAMS CASE.**

In this case the Retreat was charged with neglect of Grace Adams, while she was a patient at the Retreat suffering from insanity, in that she was permitted to swallow a nail, pieces of glass, a piece of wire and a darning needle which necessitated an operation. Your committee find that Mrs. Adams was permitted through lack of necessary attention to procure and swallow these articles; that the claim made against the Retreat and the expenses of the operation and treatment incurred as a result of such neglect were paid by the Retreat to the amount of about four hundred dollars.

**THE JOSEPH C. JONES CASE.**

Mr. Jones was a patient at the Retreat for inebriety and claimed to have been choked and dragged across the street by attendants and later claimed that he had sustained damages and brought suit against one Hills, a night watchman at the Retreat, who assisted in restraining Jones while under the influence of liquor, claiming that Hills was liable for those injuries.

Your committee find that no unnecessary restraint was used in this case; however, the Retreat paid approximately seventy-five dollars in settlement of the claim of Mr. Jones.

**THE C. H. SMITH CASE.**

This patient was brought to the Retreat on May 28, 1914, from Springfield, Massachusetts, for treatment as an alcoholic. It was claimed that Smith, while confined on ward 3, was knocked down and kicked by an attendant and severely injured and that night was removed to another ward and a few days later died.

Your committee have carefully investigated this case and are unable to find that death was the result of the alleged ill treatment. We do find that because the patient refused to remove his clothing as quickly as desired by an attendant, that he was knocked down and kicked several times. The evidence as to the extent and character of the injuries inflicted was indefinite. We find that on the evening following this ill treatment Smith was removed from his room on the third ward to a room upon another ward and the record of this case at the Retreat shows: "August 14, 1914. Patient died today, cerebral effusion (hemorrhage) is given is the exact cause of death. Meningitis was a contributing cause."



Concerning the settlement made by the Retreat in the Guilford Adams and Jones cases the committee find that the Retreat in each case disclaimed liability for the damages claimed but to avoid the expense of suit and publicity, considered it for the best interests of the Retreat to settle these claims.

The settlement of a threatened law suit is oftentimes a combination of expediency, to save expense of litigation, to avoid publicity and to avoid the possible miscarriage of justice. An insane asylum cannot afford to settle a threatened law suit for any or all of the foregoing reasons, but only when it is fully satisfied that some of its servants have been guilty of such negligence or misconduct as may be actionable against the asylum and then the fullest publicity should be by it given to the entire subject matter.

The unfortunate Clement incident is the result of a mistaken policy. The Retreat is not so equipped with isolated apartments that it can from any asthetic view point satisfactorily care for certain types of insanity without recourse to the usual restraint and should have so advised in the case referred to.

The Board of Trustees who have the immediate oversight of the Retreat are known throughout the State as men of the highest character and of great ability.

The State Board of Supervisors, upon whom rests the duty of visiting the Retreat once each month, is composed of Dr. Steele, of Montpelier, Dr. Bryant, of Ludlow, and Dr. Pelton, of Richford, and these eminent physicians have discharged the duty imposed upon them by the state.

We find that in some instances the officers of the Retreat have known of the intended visits of this Board but this has happened only occasionally and from all the evidence we are unable to find that unusual or special preparation has been made in anticipation of these visits. The evidence tended to show that the supervisors have investigated cases of claimed abuse of patients by attendants, but failed to find any ground for such complaints. We find that the Board has given careful attention to the matter of investigating cases of State patients that should be discharged and we are unable to find any instance where a patient has not been discharged as soon as their condition warranted.

Your committee made no extensive examination of the books of account of the institution, but investigated the



system of accounting and find that this system is modern and sufficient in all respects.

Your committee find that owing to the resignation of Dr. Ernest L. Tracy, an assistant physician at the Retreat that Dr. Lawton has, since November, 1916, had but one assistant physician; that this assistant physician is compelled to attend one hundred or more patients especially needing the attention of a physician each day; that conditions demand that at least two assistant physicians be employed for the proper care and welfare of the patients, and your committee believe this to be the policy of the institution.

Your committee find that under present economic conditions the cost of maintenance to the institution per week for each patient is \$5.84 3-10. The Retreat is now under contract with the State to board, clothe, care for, and provide medical treatment and nursing for all State patients that the necessities of the State require it to take for the sum of \$4.00 per week. For the past year there has been an average of about three hundred State patients supported at the Retreat. The Retreat claims that the deficit arising therefrom not only precludes the institution from making needed changes and improvements but is involving it in debt. Although this question is foreign to the duty imposed upon the committee, yet the committee would respectfully advise that the proper State Department inquire into the subject at an early date and if the contention of the Retreat is well founded make such modification of the contract as justice requires, for the State can afford to be just as well as exact.

Your committee would also respectfully recommend that the State, through its proper officials and the Retreat, through its Trustees, cooperate to discover some satisfactory common ground for an agreement to the end that the State become a Trustee of the institution. Thus, while preserving the autonomy of the Retreat, giving the State an official voice in its policy, management and further upbuilding without financial responsibility unless by special legislation.

The Retreat is termed in law as eleemosynary institution and may not be owned or held by the State or by a corporation or by individuals for profit. The unfortunates who must be restrained and cared for at an insane asylum obviously are not limited to the so-called pauper class, but come from all conditions of life and the State is vitally interested in the proper maintenance and supervision of such an institution.



Your committee have neglected no source of information. All the evidence, both for and against the Retreat, has been carefully weighed and contrasted and finally measured up in the light of comparative merit and rational probability.

Your committee recommend that in the event it becomes the policy of the State to enlarge its institution at Waterbury that that institution be so enlarged that all patients supported by the State can be there cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FAIRCHILD,  
LINUS LEAVENS,  
*Senate Committee.*

W. W. REIRDEN,  
C. L. STUART,  
L. B. BROOKS,  
*House Committee.*

The report was read and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Joint resolutions from the Senate were severally read the first time and referred to the committee on state and court expenses, as follows:

(J. R. S. 18.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the commissioner of public printing be directed to procure the printing of fifteen hundred copies of the proceedings of the meeting of the Vermont Historical Society for the years 1916-1917, including the address of Mr. Lyman S. Hayes on "The Early Navigation of the Connecticut River", and such other matters of historical importance as the Executive Committee of the Vermont Historical Society shall designate; and said copies shall be distributed as follows:

To each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, one copy; to each college, normal school and academy, one copy; to each public library, one copy; to each town clerk in towns where no public library is located, one copy; to the Governor, each of the heads of departments, each justice of the Supreme Court, and each superior judge, one copy; to the State Library, one hundred fifty copies; and the remainder to the Vermont Historical Society for exchanges and the use of its members.



(J. R. S. 19.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the attorney general is hereby authorized to approve and upon such approval the auditor of accounts is authorized to pay the debentures of a commissioner appointed by the Supreme Court of the United States acting for the State of Vermont in conjunction with a like commissioner appointed by said Court to act for the State of New Hampshire, to take testimony in behalf of the State of Vermont in the case, State of Vermont vs. State of New Hampshire, now pending in that Court.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 57. An act granting to Elisha N. Goodsell a ferry across Lake Champlain between Grand Isle and Cumberland Head;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on corporations and franchises.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Howland, from the committee on banking and insurance,

H. 444. An act to amend section 21 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies.

By Mr. Austin, from the committee on education,

H. 446. An act relating to the Bennington Graded School District.

By Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 447. An act relating to trespassing on railway bridges, trestle and tracks.

By Mr. Spalding, from the committee on taxation,

H. 448. An act to amend subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by the second paragraph of section 6 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies.



By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 450. An act to grant certain powers to the village of Johnson, relating to the construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks and the making of by-laws.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which was referred House bill, entitled

H. 304. An act relative to the registration of persons firms and corporations designing to install wires or apparatus for electric light, heat or power purposes;

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 445. An act relating to the registration of persons, firms and corporations designing to install wires or apparatus for electric light, heat or power purposes;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Puffer, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bills of the following titles:

H. 153. An act to amend section 1 of No. 152 of the Acts of 1912, restricting the operation of certain vehicles on highways;

H. 313. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 152 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the weight of motor vehicles;

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 449. An act to amend No. 129 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition to chapter 176 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of permits for and the registration of traction engines and motor trucks;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 382. An act to provide for the uniform appraisal and taxation of property owned or operated for the generation, sale or transmission of electrical energy;



Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be ordered to lie? It was decided in the negative (On a division: Yes 35, No 87), and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 20.) Joint resolution relating to paying expenses of members of committees to attend funerals;

Was read the third time and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 130. An act relating to the formation of religious corporations;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 188. An act to amend section 6155 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary and expenses of the adjutant and inspector general;

H. 440. An act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the Acts of 1898, relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line: increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of the town of Derby to village of Derby Line.

House bill, entitled

H. 352. An act granting to John H. Lutz of Grand Isle, Vermont, and Clarence A. Lutz and William H. Lutz of the State of New York, a ferry across Lake Champlain, between Grand Isle and Gravelly Point Cumberland Head, New York;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Smith of St. Albans City the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and fifteen minutes.

House bill, entitled

H. 439. An act to amend subdivision A of section 8 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, changing payment of damage by deer from general fund to special fish and game fund;



Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph, the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for Wednesday next at two o'clock and fifteen minutes.

House bill, entitled

H. 443. An act to prohibit certain acts while the United States is at war or threatened with war;

Was read the second time and its third reading ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Matot of Poultney called up House bill, entitled

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States Geographical Survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont;

And the bill, was under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the thirtieth day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 115. An act to amend section 7 of No. 59 of the Acts of 1915, relating to foreign corporations and permitting a foreign corporation to act as executor or trustee;

H. 144. An act to amend section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 111 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the qualifications of voters in town meetings and allowing women to vote in town meetings;

H. 146. An act to amend section 5109 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 127 of the Acts of 1908 and section 1 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1910, and section 5116 of the Public Statutes and repealing No. 75 of the Acts of 1915, sections 5110, 5111, 5112 and 5113 of the Public Statutes, and section 5114 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 147 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the board of license commissioners;



H. 275. An act to provide for a rate of taxation on stocks, bonds and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No 57 of the Acts of 1915.

And on the thirty-first day of March he approved and signed the following:

H. 16. An act to amend section 3033 of the Public Statutes, relating to the solemnization of marriages;

H. 441. An act to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof;

H. 442. An act relating to the appointment of license commissioners by the Governor for the year 1917.

And on the second day of April he approved and signed the following bills and joint resolution:

H. 160. An act to amend paragraphs 2 and 12 and to repeal paragraph 7 of section 2 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended and to amend section 5 of No. 196 of the Acts of 1894, as amended, relating to the village of West Derby, abolishing the highway district of West Derby;

H. 169. An act to amend section 7 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by section 3 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of weighing and measuring devices;

H. 247. An act to amend section 27 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 251 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the charter of the City of St. Albans, permitting additional appropriations by the city council for school purposes;

H. 252. An act providing for an appropriation for the construction of as many committee rooms in the present State House and library annex as possible, and for other purposes;

H. 253. An act to pay George G. Leland the sum therein named;

H. 322. An act to repeal certain sections of No. 188 of the Acts of 1898: abolishing the highway district of Derby Center;



H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 162 of the Acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the Acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer;

H. 348. An act to authorize the village of Alburg to acquire land for sewer purposes;

H. 373. An act to pay the Weekly Underwriter the sum therein named;

H. 397. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved February 7, 1917, entitled "An Act relating to the licensing of peddlers, itinerant vendors and auctioneers, and repealing No. 201 of the Acts of 1915, section 167 of No. 1 of the Acts of 1915 and chapters 39, 232 and 233 of the Public Statutes;"

H. 411. An act to amend section 4532 of the Public Statutes, as amended, and to amend section 4605 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of free transportation by railroads, prohibiting the issuance of such transportation to the public service commission and its employees;

H. 413. An act to authorize the Fair Haven graded school district to issue bonds;

H. 414. An act to amend section 2 of No. 299 of the Acts of 1910 in amendment of No. 248 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An act empowering the town of Brighton to purchase and construct a water system and to issue bonds;"

H. 416. An act to pay Henry Dumas the sum therein named;

H. 418. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the Acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways," approved March 2, 1917.

(J. R. H. 32.) Joint resolution to provide for printing the journals of the General Assembly for the special session of 1916.

On motion of Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven, the House adjourned.



TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 133. An act to amend sections 268, 6157, 6296 and 6303 of the Public Statutes, relating to the state library; providing for the fixing of salaries therein and the distribution of session laws and reports thereby;

S. 134. An act to amend section 2921 of the Public Statutes, relating to a widow's interest in her husband's real estate; increasing such widow's interest;

S. 135. An act to amend section 1471 of the Public Statutes as amended, relating to the summoning of petit jurors;

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 189. An act to amend sections 35, 100, 187 and 200 of No. 249 of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the City of Rutland";

H. 355. An act to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon;

H. 390. An act to authorize the town of Woodbury to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

H. 427. An act to enable the town of Shrewsbury to dispose of its cemetery property;

H. 428. An act to authorize the village of Barton to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;



H. 432. An act in addition to No. 140 of the Acts of 1865 as amended by No. 225 of the Acts of 1884, extending the boundaries of the village of Fair Haven;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment,

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate insists upon its proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners;

And asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Cady,  
Chalmers,  
Martin.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the thirtieth day of March he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 4. An act to amend section 3736 of the Public Statutes as amended by sections 1, 3 and 5 of No. 121 of the Acts of 1910, section 1 of No. 134 of the Acts of 1912 and section 1 of No. 124 of the Acts of 1915 and section 3739 of the Public Statutes, relating to reformation of inebriates;

S. 85. An act to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Burlington;

S. 106. An act to amend section 4546 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 148 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the elimination of grade crossings;



S. 120. An act relating to the practice of chiropidy;

S. 121. An act relating to investments by domestic life insurance companies;

S. 122. An act to amend section 20 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to primary elections.

And on the second day of April he approved and signed the following bill and joint resolution:

(J. R. S. 14.) Joint resolution relating to printing a memorial pamphlet to Rev. M. W. Farman;

S. 84. An act to establish state detention farms.

Mr. Deyette of Benson moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House:

Mr. Deyette of Benson,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Reirden of Barton.

Mr. Fenton, from the committee on state and court expenses, introduced a bill, entitled

H. 451. An act to provide for the payment of fines and costs collected for violations of the automobile law and fish and game law into the state treasury, and to provide for the payment of the costs taxed, by the State;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 133. An act to amend sections 268, 6157, 6296 and 6303 of the Public Statutes, relating to the state library; providing for the fixing of salaries therein and the distribution of session laws and reports thereby;

To the committee on library.



S. 134. An act to amend section 2921 of the Public Statutes, relating to a widow's interest in her husband's real estate; increasing such widow's interest;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 135. An act to amend section 1471 of the Public Statutes as amended, relating to the summoning of petit jurors;

To the same committee.

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate, increasing such husband's interest;

To the same committee.

The report of the joint special committee authorized by joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 18.) Joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the Brattleboro Retreat at Brattleboro and to provide for expenses of said committee;

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

House bill, entitled

H. 443. An act to prohibit certain acts while the United States is at war or threatened with war;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Moore of Ludlow asked and had leave to offer an amendment.

*First.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 4, as follows:

*Sec. 4. If three or more persons, acting in concert, with force and violence, attempt to kill, maim or wound any person, or to rob a person, corporation or community of money or other property, or to burn, blow up or otherwise destroy a bank building, store, factory, dwelling house, or other building or depository of property, or a railway car or engine, or a steamboat, vessel or other water craft, finished or unfinished, for use in navigable waters, or property of a corporation subject to the supervision of the public service commission, each person so*



*offending shall suffer the penalty of death. The provisions of this section shall be in force only while the United States is at war or threatened with war.*

*Second.* By renumbering the succeeding sections to correspond.

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the bill was passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States Geological Survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont;

Which had been called up by Mr. Matot of Poultney, and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and the question being, Shall the bill pass.? It was decided in the affirmative.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

H. 444. An act to amend section 21 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 446. An act relating to the Bennington Graded School District;

H. 448. An act to amend subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by the second paragraph of section 6 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies.

House bill, entitled

H. 445. An act relating to the registration of persons, firms and corporations designing to install wires or apparatus for electric light, heat or power purposes;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative (On a division: Yes 42, No 129.)



House bill, entitled

H. 447. An act relating to trespassing on railway bridges, trestles and tracks;

Was read the second time and its third reading refused.

House bill, entitled

H. 449. An act to amend No. 129 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition to chapter 176 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of permits for and the registration of traction engines and motor trucks;

Was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the bill be amended,

In section 4, line 74, by striking out the figures "\$200" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *two hundred dollars*;

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 450. An act to grant certain powers to the village of Johnson, relating to the construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks and the making of by-laws;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Stiles of Johnson moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and five minutes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Matot of Poultney called up House bill, entitled

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;

And the bill was, under the rule, placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Vernon, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Metzger of Randolph offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 34.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the matter of the H. C. Copeland gift for the purpose of establishing a home for destitute children, to which attention was called by the Governor in his address to the joint assembly on March 27, 1917, be referred to the board of control, with full power to act in behalf of the State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on state institutions.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health;

Was read and referred to the committee on public health.

House bill, entitled

H. 352. An act granting to John H. Lutz of Grand Isle, Vermont, and Clarence A. Lutz and William H. Lutz of the State of New York, a ferry across Lake Champlain, between Grand Isle and Gravely Point Cumberland Head, New York;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.



House bill, entitled

H. 276. An act appropriating a sum of money to build and maintain a water transportation terminal on Lake Champlain at Burlington, and creating a water terminal board;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester the bill was ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at two o'clock and forty-five minutes. (On a division: Yes 118, No 52.)

House bill, entitled

H. 438. An act to amend section 316 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 3 of No. 20 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the duties of the sergeant at arms and fixing the pay of his employees;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative. (On a division: Yes 74, No 88.)

On motion of Mr. Bryant of Lincoln, the House adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 138. An act to empower the trustees of the permanent school fund to receive and hold funds in trust;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.



It has considered a bill, entitled

H. 421. An act to amend paragraph a of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Fenton, from the special joint committee on final adjournment, offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 35.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses without day, on Saturday, April 7, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon;

Which was read, whereupon Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the rules be suspended and that the joint resolution be read the second and third times and placed upon its adoption at this time;

Which was agreed to (On a division: Yes 154, No 7);

Whereupon, the joint resolution was read the second and third times and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow, from the committee on rules, proposed the following special rule:

#### SPECIAL RULE.

No bill shall be introduced in the House after twelve o'clock, noon, Thursday, April 5.

After Wednesday, April 4, when a bill is ordered to a third reading the third reading shall be had forthwith and the bill shall then immediately be placed upon its passage.

Mr. Moore further moved that Rule 35 be suspended and that this rule be placed upon its adoption at this time;

Which was agreed to and the rule was adopted.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 138. An act to empower the trustees of the permanent school fund to receive and hold funds in trust;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on education.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from the committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Fogg, from the committee on temperance,

H. 452. An act to prohibit the granting of second class licenses while the United States is at war;

H. 453. An act relating to the inspection of licensed premises.

By Mr. Dunham, from the committee on ways and means,

H. 454. An act to enable the State of Vermont to issue bonds for the purposes therein named.

House bill, entitled

H. 444. An act to amend section 21 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

Was read the third time and passed:

Whereupon, Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 21 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, and to repeal No. 152 of the Acts of 1915, relating to unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies.*

Which was agreed to.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 446. An act relating to the Bennington Graded School District.



H. 448. An act to amend subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by the second paragraph of section 6 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 449. An act to amend No. 129 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition to chapter 176 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of permits for and the registration of traction engines and motor trucks.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro.

By adding to section 3 the following: *The town of Brattleboro may if it so votes have five school directors who shall be elected for such terms as the town shall determine, but not to exceed three years.*

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 421. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer.

*First.* In line 7, by striking out the word "fifth" (which has been inserted by the House by way of amendment for the word fifteenth) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *tenth*.

*Second.* In line 8, by striking out the word "fifteenth" (which has been inserted by the House by way of amendment for the word twenty-fifth) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *twentieth*.

Were severally considered and concurred in.

House bill, entitled

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;



Which had been called up by Mr. Matot of Poultney, and placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow, was taken up and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City presiding.

Mr. Candon, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Hunt of Danville moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In section 1, line 5, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

Which was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Osgood, from the committee on appropriations, to which has been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 123. An act relating to the establishment by the State of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Hunt of Danville moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In section 4, line 9, by striking out the word "parents" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *patients*;

Which was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Brooks, from the committee on penal institutions, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;



Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

*First.* In section 3, line 1, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

*Second.* In section 6, line 2, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

*Third.* In section 25, line 2, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

*Fourth.* In the same section, line 7, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

Which amendments were severally agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committee on judiciary to which they had been referred, read the second time and their third reading ordered for tomorrow:

By Mr. Phelps,

S. 134. An act to amend section 2921 of the Public Statutes, relating to a widow's interest in her husband's real estate: increasing such widow's interest.

By Mr. LaFleur,

S. 135. An act to amend section 1471 of the Public Statutes as amended, relating to the summoning of petit jurors.

Mr. Reirden, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;



Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Reirden of Barton moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In section 1, line 11, by striking out the words "real such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *such real*.

Which as agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health: to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health.

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill;

*First.* In section 2, line 19, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 25, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

*Third.* In section 3, line 19, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

Which amendments were severally agreed to, and the third reading of the bill was ordered, whereupon Mr. Osgood of Rockingham moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read the third time at this time and placed upon its passage in concurrence;

Which was agreed to, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. Howland, from the committee on banking and insurance, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*County Bonds.*

*Section 1. Any county that desires to issue bonds for the purpose of paying for a public improvement may do so in the manner following:*

*Sec. 2. Whenever a petition signed by fifty or more of the voters of a county is presented to the assistant judges of said county stating that it is necessary for the public good of said county that certain specified public improvements be made within said county and that bonds of said county be issued to pay for the same and requesting that an election of the voters of said county be held for the purpose of voting for or against the making of such public improvements and for or against an issue of bonds to pay for the same, if the contemplated improvements require an expenditure greater than can be made for such improvements from the annual tax levy, said assistant judges shall by resolution order such election and fix the time thereof, which shall not be less than forty nor more than seventy days from the date of passage of said resolution, and the hours when the polls shall be opened and closed, and shall order the county clerk to call such election of the voters of said county for the purpose of voting for or against the proposed improvements and for or against an issue of bonds to pay for the same. Said resolution shall state the estimated cost of the improvements, the amount of bonds proposed to be issued therefor, the maximum rate of interest to be paid, the questions to be submitted, and the form of ballot to be used, which shall be in substantially the form hereinafter provided. Said resolution shall be recorded in the county clerk's office within twenty days from the date thereof. In all proceedings under this act the county clerk shall act as the clerk of said assistant judges.*

*Sec. 3. Said county clerk shall in not less than twenty nor more than fifty days from the date of said order call an election in accordance with said order in the manner following:*

*The county clerk shall prepare a notice stating in substance that an election of the voters of the county has been ordered by the assistant judges of the county, the purpose of the election, the improvements it is proposed to make, the estimated cost of the improvements, the amount of bonds proposed to be issued therefor and the maximum rate of interest to be paid, the*



place where and the date on which such election is to be held, and the hour when the polls will be opened and closed.

Sec. 4. The county clerk shall cause such notice of said election to be published in some newspaper published in the county for three consecutive weeks on the same day of the week, the last publication to be not less than five days nor more than ten days before said election. If no newspaper is published in said county, then such publication shall be made in some newspaper published in the state that has general circulation in said county. The county clerk shall cause a similar notice of said election to be posted in five public places within each city and town of the county for two consecutive weeks immediately before said election.

Sec. 5. Said election shall be conducted in the same manner as the annual city and town meetings are conducted, and the qualifications of voters at such election shall be the same as the qualifications of voters at annual city and town meetings.

Sec. 6. The ballots for the election shall be furnished by the county clerk and shall be in substantially the following form:

(1) Shall the following public improvements, viz.: (stating them).	If in favor of the improvements make a cross (X) in this column.	If opposed to the improvements make a cross (X) in this column.
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be made?

(2) Shall bonds of the county to the amount of \$ . . . . . bearing interest at not to exceed . . . per centum, be issued for the purpose of paying for the above described public improvements?	If in favor of the bond issue make a cross (X) in this column.	If opposed to the bond issue make a cross (X) in this column.
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Sec. 7. The boards of civil authority of the several cities and towns of the county shall count the votes in their respective cities and towns and the result of such election shall be forwarded by the clerk of the several cities and towns



*to the county clerk within five days from the date of the election; the county clerk and the assistant judges shall within ten days from the date of said election canvass the returns of such election and record the result thereof in the office of the county clerk in a book kept for that purpose.*

*Sec. 8. If a majority of the voters of the county voting at such election vote in favor of making the specified public improvements and in favor of the issuance of said bonds, the assistant judges of the county shall be authorized to issue the bonds of the county to the amount indicated by the vote.*

*Sec. 9. Every issue of bonds under this act shall be payable serially, the first payment to be deferred not later than from one to five years after the issuance of the bonds, and subsequent payments to be continued annually in substantially equal amounts so that the entire debt will be paid in not more than equal amounts so that the entire debt will be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of said bonds.*

*Sec. 10. All bonds issued under this act shall be of a denomination not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, payable semiannually.*

*Sec. 11. No county shall incur an indebtedness for public improvements which shall in the aggregate exceed five times the amount of the last grand list of all the cities and towns in the county.*

*Sec. 12. The bonds shall be signed by the assistant judges and treasurer of the county and countersigned by the clerk, and the coupons to said bonds shall be signed by the treasurer or by his lithographic signature.*

*Sec. 13. After an issue of bonds has been authorized, the assistant judges shall by resolution determine the amount of bonds to be issued under said vote, which amount shall not exceed the amount authorized by vote of the county, the rate of interest to be paid, the denomination of said bonds, the time and place of payment, the form of bond to be used, which shall be substantially as hereinafter provided in the case of municipal corporations, and whether said bonds shall be registered or have coupons attached. Said resolution shall be duly recorded in the county clerk's office. If the bonds are to be registered, they shall be registered as provided by this act.*

*Sec. 14. The assistant judges shall at the time of ascertaining the expenses of the county for the ensuing year*



determine the amount of principal and interest to become due within the year on all bonded indebtedness of the county and shall make and deliver to the county treasurer a written order directing him to issue, on or before the first day of the following March, warrants to the collector of taxes of the several cities and towns, and to the supervisors of the unorganized towns and gores in the county for the collection of a tax sufficient to pay such bonded indebtedness as it becomes due, in addition to the amount provided to be raised for other county purposes.

Sec. 15. The bonds issued under this act shall be sold to the highest bidder after being advertised once a week for three consecutive weeks on the same day of the week in a newspaper published within the county, and if no newspaper is published in said county, then such publication shall be made in some newspaper published in the state that has general circulation in said county. One publication of said notice shall also be made in some newspaper published in this state having general circulation in the state and in some financial paper published in Boston, Massachusetts, or New York, New York. The advertisement shall state the amount and denomination of the bonds, date of maturity, rate of interest, and the time and place where the bonds are to be sold. The assistant judges may reject any and all bids, and in case all bids are so rejected they may advertise and call for new bids in the manner hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 16. The form of bonds shall be substantially the same as is used for cities and towns, as provided by this act, with such changes therein as will make it conform to the use of a county.

#### *Municipal Bonds.*

Sec. 17. The term "municipal corporation" as used in this act shall include a city, town, village, town school district, graded school district or other school district and a fire district and a lighting district organized under the laws of the State.

Sec. 18. The term "legislative branch" of a municipal corporation as used in this act shall mean the mayor and board of aldermen of a city, the board of selectmen of a town, the trustees of a village, the board of school directors of a town school district, the trustees or prudential committee of a fire district.

Sec. 19. When the legislative branch of any municipal corporation at any regular meeting or at a special meeting



called for that purpose shall by resolution passed by a vote of two-thirds of all its members determine that the public interest or necessity demands improvements, the cost of which will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue, it may at any subsequent regular meeting of such legislative branch or at a special meeting called for that purpose by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, order the submission of the proposition of making such public improvements, and of incurring a bonded debt to pay for the same, to the qualified voters of such municipal corporation at an election to be held for that purpose. The ordinance or warning calling such election shall state the object and purpose for which the indebtedness is proposed to be incurred, estimated cost of the improvements, amount of bonds proposed to be issued therefor and the maximum rate of interest to be paid, and shall fix the place where and the date on which such election shall be held, the hours of opening and closing the polls, the manner of holding said election, the questions to be submitted, and the form of ballot to be used, which shall be in substantially the form herein provided for ballots for county bonds.

Sec. 20. The clerk of the municipal corporation shall cause notice of such election to be published in a newspaper published in said municipal corporation once a week for three consecutive weeks on the same day of the week, the last publication to be not less than five days nor more than ten days before said election. If no newspaper is published in said municipal corporation, then publication shall be made in some newspaper published in this state that has general circulation in said municipal corporations. Notice of said election shall also be posted in five public places within said municipal corporation for the two weeks immediately preceding said election. If two-thirds of all the voters voting at said election shall vote to authorize said public improvements and the issuance of bonds to pay for the same, the legislative branch shall be authorized to make said public improvements and to issue bonds as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 21. Elections in municipal corporations under this act shall be conducted in the same manner as the annual city and town meetings are conducted, and the qualifications of voters at such elections shall be the same as the qualifications of voters at annual city and town meetings.

Sec. 22. All bonds issued under this act shall be of a denomination not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and shall draw interest at a rate not to exceed four per cent per annum, payable semiannually said bonds shall be payable serially, the first payment to be deferred



not later than for one to five years after the issuance of the bonds and subsequent payments to be continued annually in substantially equal amounts so that the entire debt will be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue.

Sec. 23. No municipal corporation shall incur an indebtedness for public improvements which, with the previously contracted indebtedness, shall in the aggregate exceed ten times the amount of the last grand list of such municipal corporation.

Sec. 24. The legislative branch of any municipal corporation at any regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, shall by ordinance or resolution determine the rate of interest for said bonds, the denomination of said bonds, the time and place of payment, the form of bond to be used, which shall be substantially as hereinafter provided, and whether said bonds shall be registered or have coupons attached. If bonds are to be registered, they shall be registered as provided by this act.

Sec. 25. The legislative branch of said municipal corporation shall annually at the time of assessing the general tax levy, in addition to all other taxes, provide for the collection each year until such bonds are paid of a tax sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds and such part of the principal as shall become due prior to the time the taxes are due in the next following year.

Sec. 26. The bonds issued under this act shall be sold to the highest bidder after being advertised once a week for three consecutive weeks on the same day of the week in a newspaper published in said municipal corporation, or if no newspaper is published in said municipal corporation, then publication shall be made in some newspaper having general circulation in said municipal corporation; one publication of said notice shall also be made in some newspaper published in this state having general circulation in the state and in some financial paper published in Boston, Massachusetts, or New York, New York. The advertisement shall state the amount and denomination of the bonds, date of maturity, rate of interest, and the time and place where the bonds are to be sold. The legislative branch of any municipal corporation may reject any and all bids and in case all bids are so rejected they may advertise and call for new bids in the manner hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 27. Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor and treasurer of an incorporated city, by the selectmen or trustees, as the case may be, of a town or village, by the trustees or pru-



dential committee as the case may be, of an incorporated school district or of a fire district, and by the board of school directors of a town school district, and the coupons to said bonds shall be signed by the treasurer or by his lithographic signature. If such municipal corporation has a corporate seal, such seal shall be affixed to said bonds, otherwise, said bonds need not be sealed.

Sec. 28. In determining the amount of municipal indebtedness permitted by the preceding sections, obligations created for current expenses, for a water supply, or for electric lights, and temporary loans created in anticipation of the collection of taxes and necessary for meeting current expenses shall not be taken into account; provided that no such temporary loan shall be extended beyond the fiscal year for which it is made and shall not exceed in amount ninety per cent of the amount of taxes levied for such year; and provided further that sinking funds and other moneys set aside for the sole purpose of paying outstanding bonds or other evidences of indebtedness shall be deducted in determining the amount of indebtedness permitted under the provisions of the preceding sections; nor shall the provisions of this and the preceding sections apply when the charter of a municipal corporation limits its indebtedness.

Sec. 29. The form of bond issued under this act shall be substantially as follows:

*Form of Bond.*

The (city, town, village, fire district, town school district or other school district, as the case may be) in the county of.....and state of Vermont promises to pay to the bearer hereof on the.....day of.....the sum of.....dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of.....per cent per annum, payable semiannually on the presentation and surrender of the interest coupons hereto attached. Both principal and interest of this bond are payable at the.....bank in the (city, town or village) of....., state of..... This bond is issued by the (city, town, village, fire district, town school district, or other school district, as the case may be) under and by virtue of No.....of the laws of the state of Vermont of 1917, and the ordinance (or resolution) of said (city, town, village, fire district, town school district, or other school district, as the case may be) duly passed on the.....day of.....19... This bond is one of the series of bonds of like tenor, date, and amount, numbered from.....to....., and



issued for the purpose of defraying the cost of..... ,  
as described in said ordinance or resolution in said (city, town,  
village, fire district, town school district, or other school district,  
as the case may be).

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions,  
and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuing  
of these bonds have been done, have happened, and have been  
performed in regular and due form, as required by said law  
and ordinance (or resolution), and for the assessment, collec-  
tion, and payment hereon of a tax to pay the same, when due,  
the full faith and credit of said (city, town, village, fire district,  
town school district, or other school district, as the case may be)  
are hereby irrevocably pledged.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the (city, town, village,  
fire district, lighting district, town school district, or other  
school district, as the case may be) by its.....  
has caused this bond to be signed by its.....  
.....and....., and the seal of said (city,  
town village, fire district, town school district, or other school  
district, as the case may be) affixed here to this.....day  
of.....

Treasurer.

### Coupon.

No.....

On the.....day of.....the (city, town,  
village, fire district, town school district, or other school district)  
in the state of Vermont promises to pay to bearer, as provided  
in said bond, the sum of.....dollars at the  
.....bank in the (city, town, or village)  
of....., being.....months'  
interest due that day on bond No....., dated  
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Treasurer.

### Refunding Bonds.

Sec. 30. A municipal corporation that has outstanding  
and unpaid orders, notes, bonds, or coupons, lawfully issued,  
may issue other negotiable notes or bonds to pay or retire the  
same.

Sec. 31. Such municipal corporation by its legislative  
branch, by resolution or ordinance, shall determine the neces-  
sity for issuing refunding bonds, the amount of legal out-



*standing indebtedness, to be refunded, what amount of new notes or bonds shall be issued, at what time and place they shall be payable, the rate of interest thereon and when payable, the form of bond, which shall be substantially in the form provided in this act, and whether the bonds shall be registered or have interest coupons attached. Such new notes or bonds shall not exceed in amount such outstanding obligations, nor shall they be used or sold except to provide means for paying or retiring said outstanding indebtedness.*

*Sec. 32. Such bonds shall be signed, sold, made payable, and mature in the same manner as an original issue of bonds of a municipal corporation are signed, sold, made payable, and mature, as provided in this act.*

*Sec. 33. The treasurer of the municipal corporation shall keep a record of every note or bond issued under this act, stating therein the number and denomination of each note or bond, when issued, and the rate of interest thereon, and shall also keep a record of payments of interest or principal, and, if coupons are taken up, shall record the fact and deface the same.*

*Sec. 34. When old notes or bonds are taken up, as provided in this act, the treasurer of the municipal corporation shall keep a record of the same, and such old notes and bonds shall be cancelled.*

*Sec. 35. All ordinances or resolutions required by this act to be enacted by the legislative branch of a municipal corporation shall be duly recorded in the office of the clerk of said municipal corporation.*

#### *Registered Obligations.*

*Sec. 36. A county or municipal corporation, as herein defined, may issue registered bonds, and if an original issue of bonds by such county or municipal corporation is registered, they shall be registered as hereinafter provided.*

*Sec. 37. A county or municipal corporation may, at the written request, duly acknowledged, of the owner or holder of one or more bonds, promissory notes or certificates of indebtedness issued by it and payable to bearer or to a person or corporation named, or bearer, change such bonds, notes or certificates into registered obligations, payable only to the person or corporation whose name is properly endorsed thereon, as hereinafter provided.*



*Sec. 38. If it shall be determined by a county or municipal corporation to issue registered bonds, then and in that event the assistant judges of the county or the legislative branch of the municipal corporation shall direct the treasurer of such county or of such municipal corporation, as the case may be, to endorse upon the back of each of such bonds over his official signature a certificate of registration in substantially the form hereinafter provided, inserting in the appropriate places the date of such registration, the name and address of the registered holder, and his own signature as transfer agent, and thereafter such bond shall be transferable only upon the books of such municipality upon presentation to the treasurer thereof with a written assignment duly acknowledged or proved.*

*Sec. 39. In case a county or municipal corporation shall have issued coupon bonds and the owner or holder thereof has requested that said bonds be changed to registered bonds, as herein provided, then upon written request for such change, duly acknowledged, the treasurer of such a municipal corporation shall, if directed by the assistant judges of the county, city council of the city, selectmen of the town, school directors of the town school district, or other corresponding officers of the municipal corporation of which he is such treasurer, as the case may be, cut off and destroy the coupons on the bonds presented for registration and endorse upon the back of each of such bonds over his official signature a certificate of registration in substantially the following form, inserting in the appropriate places the date of such registration, the name and address of the registered holder, and his own signature as transfer agent, and thereafter such bond shall be transferable only upon the books of such municipality upon presentation to the treasurer thereof with a written assignment duly acknowledged or proved.*

*Sec. 40. In all cases where bonds are registered the following shall be the form of*

*Certificate of Registration.*

*It is hereby certified that upon the written request of the holder of the within bond, the coupons attached thereto, being ..... in number, of ..... each, have been this day cut off and destroyed and that the within bond is hereby converted into a registered bond with the interest thereon payable..... annually, and that such interest, as well as the principal, is payable to the registered holder thereof, his legal representatives, successors or assigns at the time and place expressed on the face of said bond.*

*The within bond when registered is transferable only upon the books of the treasurer of..... upon presen-*



tation to said treasurer with a written assignment duly acknowledged or proved.

Dated.....19 .....

Treasurer of.....

Date of registration	Name and address of registered holder	Signature of treasurer who acts as transfer agent.
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.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

Sec. 41. The indorsement of such certificate of registration upon any bond, note or certificate by such treasurer shall be conclusive evidence that such treasurer was directed by the proper officers of the county or municipal corporation of which he was treasurer to convert such bond into a registered obligation.

Sec. 42. The treasurer of every such county or municipal corporation shall keep a register showing the number, date, amount, rate of interest, time when payable, and the name of the registered holder of the bonds, notes, and certificates originally registered or changed to registered obligations.

Sec. 43. Such conversion shall in no respect or degree weaken or impair the obligation of such county or municipal corporation to pay such bond, note or certificate so converted.

Sec. 44. Bonds or obligations given or created in excess of the limit authorized by this act and contrary to its provisions shall be void.

Sec. 45. This act shall not affect rights now allowed any municipal corporation by its charter provisions, nor any rights now or hereafter granted by special act of the legislature.

Sec. 46. Chapter 157 of the Public Statutes, No. 84 of the Acts of 1908 and No. 126 of the Acts of 1912 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 47. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Whereupon, pending the second reading of the bill, Mr. Howland of Barre City, moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read the second time by title only;

Pending consideration of which motion, on motion of Mr. Matot of Poultney, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

The Speaker presiding.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

**BARRE QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS'  
ASSOCIATION, BARRE, VERMONT.**

Incorporated April 7, 1911.

"The Granite Center of the World."

April 2 1917.

Hon. Stanley C. Wilson, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*, State House, Montpelier.

*My dear Mr. Speaker:*

It would afford us much pleasure to show the famous Barre Granite Quarries to the members of the Vermont Legislature of 1917, and in accordance therewith we respectfully invite through you the House of Representatives to be our guests on a special quarry sight-seeing trip.

If agreeable to the members and yourself, a special train would leave Montpelier and make the complete trip without transfer. A half day would be required and a forenoon is preferable to an afternoon.

Either Messrs. Pirie of Williamstown, Howland of Barre City or the writer would be very glad to furnish the members or you with further information or details.

The consideration of our invitation at your earliest convenience would be highly appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,

**BARRE QUARRIERS' & MANUFACTURERS' ASSN.**

H. P. Hinman, *Sec'y.*

Which was read, whereupon Mr. Pirie of Williamstown moved that the invitation contained in the above communication be accepted, that the rules be suspended and that when the House adjourns this afternoon it be to meet tomorrow at two o'clock in the afternoon:

Which motion to suspend the rules was disagreed to  
(On a division: Yes 116. No 67.)

House bill, entitled

H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds;



Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the rules be suspended and the bill be read the second time by title only? It was decided in the affirmative;

The bill was read the second time by title only, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee? It was decided in the affirmative, and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 450. An act to grant certain powers to the village of Johnson, relating to the construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks and the making of by-laws;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Stiles of Johnson moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 18, after the word "Johnson" by inserting the words *and may oil or sprinkle the streets in said corporation.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 439. An act to amend subdivision A of section 8 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, changing payment of damage by deer from general fund to special fish and game fund;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 295. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 167 of the Acts of 1894, relating to the electric lighting plant of the village of Barton, and to extend the powers of said village in respect thereto.

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First. By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu there of the following:*

*Section 1. Section 3 of No. 167 of the Acts of 1894 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*



*Sec. 3. The trustees of said village shall have authority to control the management and operation of the electric light plant herein provided for, under such by-laws and regulations as said village at any legal meeting may adopt, and said village may make by-laws and regulations concerning the management and use of its electric light plant, including the rates and charges for the use of electricity. The trustees may, in their discretion, appoint a superintendent of the electric light department, and may remove him at pleasure, fix his compensation, if not determined by vote of the village and may prescribe the scope of his authority.*

*Sec. 2. Said village shall establish rates or rent to be charged and paid by the users of water and electricity at such times and in such manner as it may determine, and may modify, increase or diminish such rates and extend them to any description of property or use. Such rates or rents, with the charges for wiring and piping, shall be chargeable to, and may be collected of, the owners of the property supplied with the same, unless otherwise agreed upon by the water commissioners, trustees and such owners, and may be collected in the same manner as any tax assessed by said village. Said village may order all rents for water and electricity to be paid in advance, and may make all necessary provisions and orders relating to the supply or stoppage of water and electricity as it may deem expedient to insure the payment of such rents.*

*Sec. 3. There shall be paid from the general fund of said village to the electric light department, for lighting the streets, walks and public buildings of said village, such sums annually as shall be voted for that purpose at any annual or special meeting of said village, duly warned for that purpose.*

*Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of said village to keep separate accounts of all moneys received from the water and electric light departments; and the rents and receipts of said village, for the use of water and electricity, shall be applied first to pay the interest as it becomes due upon the bonded or other indebtedness of said village in connection with its water and electric light plants, and the excess, if any, shall be expended in the necessary repairs, operation and extension of its water works or electric light plant. The net income of either the water works or electric light plant shall be applied to pay the principal of the corresponding debt, or shall be set apart as a reserve fund and shall be invested by the treasurer of said village under the direction of the trustees; and the trustees are hereby authorized to loan the net income of any department to any other department of said village at such a rate of interest as they may fix to pay the indebtedness of the borrowing department. When the*



In section 10, line 2, after the word "any" by inserting the word *pending*.

Which amendment to the amendment was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee as now amended? It was decided in the affirmative and the third reading of the bill was ordered for tomorrow.

House bill, entitled

H. 276. An act appropriating a sum of money to build and maintain a water transportation terminal on Lake Champlain at Burlington, and creating a water terminal board;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? At three o'clock Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the bill;

At three o'clock and forty-five minutes, on motion of Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury the committee of the whole arose and, by its chairman, Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester, reported progress but that it had arrived at no decision.

The Speaker resumed the chair and the consideration of the bill was again taken up.

Whereupon Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the further consideration of the bill be temporarily laid aside;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby the House refused to suspend Rule 7 as moved by Mr. Pirie of Williamstown;

Which was agreed to, and pending the question, Will the House suspend Rule 7 as moved by Mr. Pirie of Williamstown? Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved that the motion as made by Mr. Pirie of Williamstown be amended, so as to read as follows:

That Rule 7 be suspended during Thursday, April 5, and that on said day the House meet at two o'clock in the afternoon and at seven o'clock and thirty minutes in the evening, and that the invitation of the Barre Quarries and Manufacturers' Association to be the guests of the Association for a trip to the Barre Quarries be accepted;



Which motion was agreed to, and the question being, Will the House agree to the motion made by Mr. Pirie of Williamstown as now amended? It was decided in the affirmative (On a division: Yes 143, No 36.)

At four o'clock, Mr. Fenton of Rutland City moved that the House take a recess until this evening at eight o'clock;

Which was agreed to. (On a division: Yes 131, No 30.)

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EVENING.

The recess having expired the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 87. An act to authorize the employment of general town or municipal managers;

S. 139. An act providing for the filling of a vacancy in the office of clerk of an incorporated school district;

S. 141. An act relating to the cleansing of receptacles for milk and milk products;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 188. An act to amend section 6155 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary and expenses of the adjutant and inspector general;

H. 286. An act to extend the time within which the construction of railroads heretofore authorized may be commenced or finished;

H. 433. An act to amend subdivision VI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain property from taxation;

And has passed the same in concurrence.



It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 430. An act to amend section 6246 of the Public Statutes, as amended, increasing the fees of jurors in county court;

And has rejected the same.

It has on its part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 16.) Joint resolution relating to the improvement of highways;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House bill, entitled

H. 276. An act appropriating a sum of money to build and maintain a water transportation terminal on Lake Champlain at Burlington, and creating a water terminal board;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 109. Nays, 72.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Robinson of Jamaica, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Button,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cox,

Cudworth,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Fenton,  
Flint,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Hemingway,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Legate,  
McLam,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,

Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Rawson,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Root,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Tuttle,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Young.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Andrews,  
Barrett,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Cannon,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Clift,  
Cook,  
Deyette,  
Eaton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Gray,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hight,

Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Leonard,  
McLaughlin,  
Matot,  
Miles,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,

Parsons,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pirie,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Waltham.

## Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aiken,  
Austin,  
Ball of Maidstone,

Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,  
Bentley,



Bond,  
 Briggs,  
 Brown of Orwell,  
 Bucklin,  
 Burroughs,  
 Buxton,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Campbell of Sutton,  
 Chessmore,  
 Coburn of Jay,  
 Cummings,  
 Curtis,  
 Dillon,  
 Dunbar,  
 Dunham of Athens,  
 Dunn,  
 Dunton,  
 Esden,  
 Gridley,  
 Hale,  
 Hardy,  
 Hayden,  
 Hayes,  
 Hicks,  
 Higgins of Arlington,  
 Higgins of Woodford,

Hill,  
 Hinds,  
 Johnson of Huntington,  
 Ladd,  
 Lynaugh,  
 McCray,  
 Metzger,  
 Moore of Pomfret,  
 Perkins of Plainfield,  
 Perkins of Waterbury,  
 Perrin,  
 Phillips,  
 Potter,  
 Preston,  
 Ranney,  
 Rood,  
 Roys,  
 Rublee,  
 Seaver,  
 Shepard,  
 Sinclair,  
 Taylor of Derby,  
 Tenney,  
 Waite of Weston,  
 Walter,  
 Wilson of Pownal,  
 Wooster.

House bill, entitled

H. 372. An act to authorize the purchase of portable stone crushers for use by the several counties of the State;

Was taken up as a special order, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Hunt of Danville moved that the bill be amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 2, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of control*.

*Second.* In section 2, line 1, by striking out the words "a county supervisor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *state highway commissioner*.

Which amendments were severally disagreed to;

And the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 156, No 19.)



House bill, entitled

H. 451. An act to provide for the payment of fines and costs collected for violations of the automobile law and fish and game law into the state treasury, and to provide for the payment of the costs taxed by the State;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Fenton of Rutland City the bill was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Prouty, from the committee on conservation, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 393. An act to create a water power and conservation commission, to provide for the development of water power by the State and to authorize the issue of bonds for water power development.

Reported adversely to its passage and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 391. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington;

Reported a substitute bill, entitled

H. 455. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced from committees, read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow:

By Mr. Williams, from the general committee,

H. 456. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust;

H. 457. An act to provide that the state treasurer may appoint a deputy state treasurer and a deputy commissioner of weights and measures;



H. 458. An act relating to traffic regulations and the erection of warning signs near schoolhouses.

By Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises,

H. 459. An act to authorize the attorney general to proceed against foreign corporations doing business within this State without lawful authority.

By Mr. Tuttle, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 460. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 16, 1917, entitled "An Act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby".

By Mr. Moore, from the committee on ways and means,

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a state tax.

By Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations,

H. 462. An act to amend No. 278 of the Acts of 1906, entitled "An Act to incorporate the village of Newfane".

By Mr. Fenton, from the committee on judiciary,

H. 463. An act to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to deed certain lands of the State.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 87. An act to authorize the employment of general town or municipal managers;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

S. 139. An act providing for the filling of a vacancy in the office of clerk of an incorporated school district;

To the committee on education.



S. 141. An act relating to the cleansing of receptacles for milk and milk products;

To the committee on public health.

House bills were severally called up and placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow, as follows:

By Mr. Steele of Highgate,

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual license taxes.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 273 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission.

By Mr. Candon of Pittsford,

H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls.

Joint resolution from the Senate, as follows:

(J. R. S. 16.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Governor be and hereby is directed to appoint a committee consisting of three citizens of this State, familiar with the construction and repair of highways, whose duty it shall be to investigate the conditions and needs of the highways of the State, and the means that should be taken to improve and maintain the same, either as to taxation, appropriations and distribution of the funds derived therefrom, or in any other respects; that such committee make a full report to the General Assembly of 1919, together with such recommendations as such committee may deem it proper to make, and may include in such report such proposed legislation as is considered necessary to carry out such recommendations; that such committee shall cause not more than one thousand copies of such report to be printed, which shall be deposited with the custodian of public documents, who shall, on or before December 1, 1918, send a copy to each member elect of the General Assembly of 1919, and to each town clerk in the State, and, from those remaining send a copy to any person or



corporation in the State requesting the same, so long as the supply may last; and that the compensation of the members of said committee shall be fixed by the board of control, and, together with their expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties under this joint resolution which in the aggregate shall not exceed seven hundred dollars shall be paid by the State.

Was read and referred to the committee on appropriations.

Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it concurred in Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

Which was agreed to, and pending the recurring question, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? Mr. Cudworth moved that the House concur in the proposal of amendment with an amendment.

By amending the amendment so that it will read as follows:

*The town school district of Brattleboro may, if it so votes, have five school directors who shall be elected for such terms as said town school district shall determine, but not to exceed three years.*

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dana of New Haven, the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 5, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:



I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 424. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended, and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended, extending the right of suffrage to women, and providing for a referendum thereon;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 111. An act regulating the rights and duties of railroad and express companies relating to customhouse brokerage;

H. 239. An act to amend section 1 of No. 85 of the acts of 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children in manufacturing and mechanical establishments; decreasing the number of hours of employment;

And has rejected the same.

Mr. Brooks of Montpelier asked and had unanimous consent to introduce a bill, entitled

H. 464. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for a rate of taxation on bonds and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915" approved March 30, 1917, omitting from taxation stocks held by a trustee;

Which was read the first time and ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson of Bristol offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 36.) *Whereas*, it has been learned that, Vermont is being considered as a possible meeting place of the



next annual convention of the American Library Association, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That an invitation is hereby extended to the American Library Association to hold its annual convention in the State of Vermont at such place as its executive committee may determine. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the secretary of the American Library Association,

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to return herewith, without his approval, with his objections in writing, a bill originating in the House, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health.

And I am further directed by the Governor to return herewith, without his approval, with his objections in writing, a bill originating in the House, entitled

H. 434. An act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the State.

The Speaker laid before the House a veto message from His Excellency, the Governor, as follows:

State of Vermont.

Executive Department.

Montpelier, April 5, 1917.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to return herewith, without my approval, House bill No. 300, entitled "An Act to reorganize the state board of health", for the following reasons:

Section 4 of this bill in its original form imposed on the state board of health the duties heretofore imposed on the



supervisors of the insane. Section 5 of this bill in its original form repealed sections 3441, 3442, 3445 and 6163 of the Public Statutes. These sections created the office of supervisors of the insane, provided for filling vacancies in such offices, required such officers to make reports and fixed the salaries of the supervisors. This bill was amended by striking out section 4; hence, if the bill became a law, the office of supervisors of the insane would be abolished and the duties heretofore devolving upon such officers would not be imposed upon any other officers.

Yours very respectfully,

HORACE F. GRAHAM,

*Governor.*

Which was read, whereupon, the House proceeded to the reconsideration of its vote whereby it passed House bill, entitled

H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health.

And the question being, Will the House pass the bill, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency, the Governor? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 2. Nays, 196.

The yeas and nays were taken as provided in Chapter II, section 11 of the Constitution of the State of Vermont, and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Baldwin.

Ball of Newark,

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,

Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,

Button,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,



Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Esden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,

Kingsbury,  
Ladd,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,

Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Barrett,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bond,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Casey,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Cummings,

Dillon,  
Dunton,  
Fogg,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Hooper,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
LaFleur,  
Lawson,  
Lynaugh,



Miner,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Roys,

Stanton,  
Steele,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Waite of Weston,  
Wilson of Pownal.

The Speaker laid before the House a veto message from His Excellency, the Governor, as follows:

State of Vermont.

Executive Department.

Montpelier, April 5, 1917.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to return herewith, without my approval, House bill No. 434, entitled "An Act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the State," for the following reason:

By virtue of House bill No. 441, entitled "An Act to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof," approved by me March 31, 1917, one million dollars were appropriated for the support of the militia and persons dependent upon members of the militia; hence, there is now no reason for the enactment of the enclosed bill.

Yours very respectfully

HORACE F. GRAHAM,

*Governor.*

Which was read, whereupon, the House proceeded to the reconsideration of its vote whereby it passed House bill, entitled

H. 434. An act to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the State.

And the question being, Will the House pass the bill, notwithstanding the objection of His Excellency, the Governor? It was unanimously decided in the negative.



The yeas and nays were taken as provided in chapter II, section II of the Constitution of the State of Vermont, and are as follows:

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Cunnington,  
Curtis,  
Dalrymple,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,

Eaton,  
Eaden,  
Fenton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,

Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Rawson,  
Reirden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,	Hooper,
Allen of Wolcott,	Hutchinson,
Barrett,	Johnson of Somerset,
Becker,	Ladd,
Beers,	LaFleur,
Bond,	Lawson,
Brown of Orwell,	Lynaugh,
Campbell of Belvidere,	Miner,
Campbell of Sutton,	Parker of Bradford,
Chessmore,	Perkins of Plainfield,
Coburn of Jay,	Potter,
Cummings,	Preston,
Dillon,	Roys,
Dunton,	Smith of St. Albans City,
Hall of Elmore,	Stanton,
Hayes,	Steele,
Higgins of Arlington,	Taylor of Greensboro,
Higgins of Woodford,	Tuttle,
Hinds,	Waite of Weston,
	Wilson of Pownal.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment:

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants;

S. 123. An act relating to the establishment by the State of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 134. An act to amend section 2921 of the Public Statutes, relating to a widow's interest in her husband's real estate; increasing such widow's interest;



S. 135. An act to amend section 1471 of the Public Statutes as amended relating to the summoning of petit jurors.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds;

H. 450. An act to grant certain powers to the village of Johnson, relating to the construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks and the making of by-laws.

House bill, entitled

H. 295. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 167 of the Acts of 1894, relating to the electric lighting plant of Barton, and to extend the powers of said village in respect thereto;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Sweeney of Brighton asked and had leave to offer the following amendments:

*First.* In section 7, line 15, of the bill as amended, by striking out the word "unnecessarily";

*Second.* In section 9, line 1 of the bill as amended, by striking out the words "or compensation";

The first of which amendments was agreed to and the second disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative;

Whereupon, the title of the bill was amended as recommended by the committee (See page 656.)

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities.

*First.* In section 2, line 140, after the word "in" by inserting the words *first mortgage bonds and first and refunding*



*Second.* In the same section, lines 108 to 110, inclusive, by striking out the words : "Mortgage bonds shall be construed as bonds secured primarily by direct and foreclosure able lien upon physical property owned by the obligor in fee," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*A "first mortgage bond" shall have been at the time of its issue secured by a mortgage on the entire property of the company which issued such bond (though not necessarily a first mortgage at the time of issue); and at the time of investment there shall be no lien on this property prior to such bond represented by other security issues.*

*A "refunding mortgage bond" shall have been secured at the time of its issue by a mortgage on the entire property of the company which issued such bond; and shall provide for the retirement of all bonds secured by prior lien on this property which fall due before the maturity of the refunding mortgage.*

Were severally considered, the first of which was concurred in and the second non-concurred in.

Whereupon, Mr. Smith of St. Albans City moved that the House request the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the second proposal of amendment;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,  
Howland of Barre City,  
Williams of Proctor.

House bill, entitled

H. 51. An act to amend section 754 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of annual license taxes;

Which had been called up by Mr. Steele of Highgate and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

House bill, entitled

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate



of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission;

Which had been called up by Mr. Brooks of Montpelier and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Brooks of Montpelier moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 34, after the word "convenience" by inserting the word *economy*;

Which amendment was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 1, line 18, after the word "convenience" by inserting the word *economy*;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative, (On a division: Yes 92, No 67);

The bill was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the negative.

House bill, entitled

H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls;

Which had been called up by Mr. Candon of Pittsford and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Stiles, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 18.) Joint resolution providing for printing the proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society;

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence, read the second time and third reading ordered;

Read the third time and pending the question, Will the House adopt the joint resolution in concurrence? On motion of Mr. Williams of Proctor the joint resolution was ordered to lie.



Mr. Mott, from the same committee, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 19.) Joint resolution relating to the payment of the commissioner's expenses in re boundary case pending between Vermont and New Hampshire;

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Stanton, from the committee on suffrage and elections, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 105. An act to provide for a recount of votes in town and county elections;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported favorably from the committees to which they had been referred, read the second time, their third reading ordered, read the third time and passed in concurrence:

By Mr. Hicks, from the committee on library,

S. 133. An act to amend sections 268, 6157, 6296 and 6303 of the Public Statutes, relating to the state library: providing for the fixing of salaries therein and the distribution of Session Laws and reports thereby.

By Mr. Austin, from the committee on education,

S. 138. An act to empower the trustees of the permanent school fund to receive and hold funds in trust.

Mr. Philips, from the committee on state institutions, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 34.) Joint resolution relating to the H. C. Copeland gift;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House, read the second time, its third reading ordered, read the third time and adopted on the part of the House.



Mr. Johnson, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 57. An act granting to Elisha N. Goodsell a ferry across Lake Champlain between Grand Isle and Cumberland Head;

Reported in favor of its passage with proposals of amendment,

*First.* In section 1, line 1, by striking out the word "exclusive";

*Second.* In section 2, line 1, by striking out the word "exclusive";

Which proposals of amendment were severally agreed to and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Parsons of Hubbardton moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was disagreed to, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Parsons moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at three o'clock;

Which was agreed to. /

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county court and judges thereof;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* By striking out all of sections 1 and 2.

*Second.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Sec. 1. The General Assembly of 1917 shall elect, as provided in the Constitution for the election of the justices of the supreme court, five superior judges whose terms of office shall continue until Feb. 1, 1919. The superior judge first elected shall be the chief of said superior judge.*

*Third.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:



*Sec. 2. Section 1342 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 85 of the Acts of 1915 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 1342. There shall be elected biennially by the General Assembly, in the manner provided in the Constitution for the election of justices of the supreme court and at the time said justices of the supreme court are elected five superior judges, whose terms of office shall, except in case of an election or appointment to fill a vacancy or unexpired term, begin on the first day of February, in the year of their election and continue for two years. The superior judge first elected shall be the chief of said superior judges.*

*Fourth. In section 5, line 5, by striking out the words "justice of the supreme court" and inserting in lieu thereof the words superior judge.*

*Fifth. By adding to section 5 the following:*

*A justice of the supreme court designated to preside in any county shall, during the time he is authorized to so preside, have, throughout the state, the powers of a superior judge and of a chancellor.*

*Sixth. In section 6, lines 5 and 6, by striking out the words "justice of the supreme court" and inserting in lieu thereof the words superior judge.*

*Seventh. By striking out all of sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.*

*Eighth. By renumbering section 12 as section 7 and by striking out all after the word and figures "Sec. 6176" in line 5 of such section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

*The annual salary of each justice of the supreme court and of each superior judge shall be four thousand dollars and each be paid his necessary expenses when away from home on official business. A justice of the supreme court or superior judge shall not demand or receive fees for official services performed by him whether as justice, judge or chancellor. Each of said justices and judges shall be supplied with office supplies and stationery necessary for official use, and payment of postage, freight and express charges necessarily made in connection with his official duties shall be allowed in the settlement of his account.*



*Ninth.* By renumbering section 13 as section 8 and by striking out the words "justices of the supreme court" in line 7 of such section and inserting in lieu thereof the words *superior judges*. And also by striking out all of line 11 of such section and inserting in lieu thereof the words *one of the superior judges*.

*Tenth.* By renumbering section 14 as section 9, and by striking out the words "June and December" in line 37 of such section and inserting in lieu thereof the words *May and October*.

*Eleventh.* By striking out all of sections 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

*Twelfth.* By inserting new sections to be numbered sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, respectively, as follows:

*Sec. 10.* Section 1344 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

*Sec. 1344.* The superior judges shall assign one of their number to hold a court of chancery and to preside in the county court in each county. The judge so assigned shall hold the court of chancery and preside in such county for one year. Such assignment shall, so far as practicable, be made so that the judges may follow one another in the order of their terms of service.

*Sec. 11.* No causes in the court of chancery nor in the county court shall hereafter be referred for hearing to masters, referees or auditors except upon application to and an order therefor by the chief of the superior judges.

*Sec. 12.* The presiding judge of each county court shall fix the number of deputy sheriffs to attend and act as court officers at each term or session of a county court and file his certificate to that effect with the county clerk, who shall transmit the same to the auditor of accounts. No allowance shall be made by the auditor of accounts for service of a janitor or bellman at a session of the county court or court of chancery where the state pays a part of the janitor service, nor for the service of a deputy sheriff as court officer unless included in such certificate.

*Sec. 13.* Section 1436 of the Public Statutes as amended is hereby amended so as to read as follows:



*Sec. 1436. Every writ and process returnable before the supreme or county courts, except as otherwise provided, shall be served within twelve days from the date of issuing the same, including the day of service and excluding the day of issue, and shall contain the following direction to the officer, viz.: "Fail not but service and return make within twelve days from date hereof".*

*Sec. 14. Section 1437 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 1437. The party suing out such process shall cause the same to be entered and docketed in the county clerk's office on or before the expiration of such twelve days, or the process shall on motion abate.*

*Sec. 15. Section 1438 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 1438. The defendant shall cause his appearance to be entered therein with the clerk on or before the expiration of twenty-seven days from the date of such writ.*

*Sec. 16. Section 2, No. 55 of the Acts of 1908 (Section 1462 of the General Laws, as proposed) is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 2. Bills and petitions in chancery shall be served, entered and docketed within twelve days from the time the subpoena is issued, or the process shall on motion abate; and the defendant therein shall cause his appearance to be entered with the clerk of the court within twenty-seven days from the date the subpoena is issued, or the bill or petition shall be taken as confessed. If the defendant does not appear within such time, the clerk of the court shall, on motion, enter that the bill is taken as confessed but the court may in its discretion strike off such entry and allow the defendant to appear on such terms as are reasonable.*

*Sec. 17. Ten days after issue has been joined a cause may be set to the court or jury, and if to the jury the trial fee shall be then paid, but if said cause is finally disposed of without trial, then and in that event the clerk shall be authorized to return said trial fee.*

*Sec. 18. If a cause has been assigned for trial by court, it may be heard by the court in accordance with rules promulgated under section 1349 of the Public Statutes as amended by sec-*



*tion 8 of this act; if it has been assigned for trial by jury, it shall stand for trial at the next term of the court, or if ordered by the court, it may be tried at a special jury session.*

*Sec. 19. Section 1981 of the Public Statutes, as amended, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 1981. The county clerk shall notify the attorneys of record in a cause pending in said court of the entry of judgment therein and the purport thereof immediately after such entry. Exceptions to the opinion or ruling of the county court on a question of law arising on the trial of a civil cause shall be signed by the presiding judge and shall be filed with the clerk within thirty days after notice of the entry of judgment, provided that a date before or after the expiration of such thirty days may be fixed by the court for the filing of such exceptions, and, when such time is so fixed by the court, the time for filing such exceptions shall expire on the day so fixed instead of at the end of such thirty days. If, in causes where the court has not otherwise directed, such exceptions are not filed within such thirty days or within the time so fixed by the court, the clerk shall erase the entry of exceptions made on the docket and issue execution, and the day such entry is erased from the docket shall be deemed the day on which the plaintiff is entitled to execution.*

*Sec. 20. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.*

*Sec. 21. Section 9 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1917, and all other sections shall take effect on the passage of this act.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to and the third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that that title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.*

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hunt, from the committee on highways and bridges, to which had been referred House bill, entitled



H. 155. An act to amend section 4057 of the Public Statutes, changing the weight which a wagon or carriage may carry on the public highways, and to amend section 4058 of the Public Statutes, increasing the penalty for a violation of section 4057;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1 by striking out in lines 5 to 12 the following words:

“more than two tons in weight and less than three tons shall have the tires or felloes of their wheels at least three inches wide, and if carrying more than three tons and less than four tons the tires or felloes of their wheels shall be at least five inches wide and if carrying more than four tons, the tires or felloes of their wheels shall be at least six inches wide”;

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*more than one ton and less than two tons shall have the tires and felloes of their wheels at least two inches wide and if carrying more than two tons and less than three tons the tires and felloes of their wheels shall be at least three inches wide and if carrying more than three tons and less than four tons the tires and felloes shall be four inches wide and if carrying more than four tons and less than six tons their tires and felloes shall be five inches wide.*

*Second.* In section 2, line 6, by inserting before the word “fifty” the words *not less than five dollars nor more than.*

*Third.* By adding a new section to read as follows:

*Sec. 3. This act shall take effect March 1, 1918.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 315. An act to appropriate a sum therein named for the purpose of relocating and building a piece of State road in the town of East Montpelier;



*In case of the following injuries, the compensation shall be 50 per cent of the average weekly wages, which compensation shall be in lieu of all other benefits except those provided in section 14 (Section 5648 of the General Laws, as proposed):*

1. *The permanent and complete loss of hearing in one ear, forty-two and one-half weeks.*

2. *Simple hernia, four weeks.*

3. *Strangulated hernia, eight weeks.*

*Seventh.* In section 5, line 11, after the word "year" by striking out the period (.) and inserting in lieu thereof a colon (:) and adding the following: *provided however, that in all cases where the employee's wage exceeds the sum of two thousand dollars the employer and the employee may enter into an agreement setting forth that each desires to be bound by the provisions of this act and upon the filing of said agreement with the commissioner of industries, the provisions of this act shall apply.*

The bill was read the second time, the amendments severally agreed to, and the third reading ordered:

Read the third time and passed.

Mr. Waite, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 417. An act regulating disputes between employer and employee;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 2, after the word "person" by inserting the words *combination of persons, co-partnership.*

*Second.* By striking out all of section 2 and inserting a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. Whenever a controversy arises between any person, combination of persons, co-partnership or a corporation and a group of laborers or other organization or association of employees subject to the laws of this state, it shall be unlawful for such employers or employees to order, procure, assist in procuring, or for two or more of such employers or employees to confederate to any strike or lockout or suspension of work because of such controversy, as provided for in section three hereof.*



*Third.* In section 3, line 10, after the word "case" by striking out the comma (,) and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: *within sixty days after notification thereof.*

*Fourth.* By striking out all of section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 4, as follows:

*Sec. 4. Any person who is convicted of a violation of sections two and three hereof shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the state prison for not less than one year, nor more than three years, or both.*

The amendments were severally agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yes, 89. No, 74.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Lawson of Barre Town, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,	Dwinell,	Ranney,
Andrews,	Eaton,	Rawson,
Archer,	Eaden,	Reirden,
Atwood,	Finney,	Richardson,
Baker,	Flint,	Ricker,
Barber,	Fogg,	Root,
Barrett,	Fullam,	Rublee,
Bates,	Gates,	Seaver,
Belknap,	Gill,	Shanley,
Bellows of Cambridge,	Gridley,	Smalley,
Bentley,	Hardy,	Smith of St. Albans City,
Blanchard,	Hicks,	Stoddard,
Bliss,	Hopkins,	Stuart,
Bronson,	Irish,	Sweeney,
Brooks,	Jennison,	Taggart,
Brown of Peru,	Kingsbury,	Taylor of Derby,
Buck,	Leach,	Tenney,
Burroughs,	Leonard,	Tuttle,
Buxton,	McCray,	Waite of Shoreham,
Carpenter,	Matot,	Walter,
Cheney,	Merrifield,	Webster,
Coburn of E. Montpelier,	Miller of Troy,	Wellinger,
Cook,	Mott,	Wheeler,
Cox,	Noonan,	Whitford,
Cunnington,	Parker of Bradford,	Williams of Pawlet,
Curtis,	Parker of W. Rutland,	Williams of Proctor,
Dana,	Phillips,	Wilson of Bristol,
Demick,	Pirie,	Wright of Coventry,
Drake,	Puffer,	Wright of Waltham.
Dunham of Brattleboro,	Ralph,	

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Aiken,	Bell,	Chapman of Windham,
Allbee,	Bix,	Chase,
Allen of Vernon,	Brown of Berlin,	Clift,
Amidon,	Bryant,	Cudworth,
Austin,	Candon,	Dalrymple,
Baldwin,	Cannon,	Day,
Ball of Newark,	Chamberlin,	Deyette,
Beard,	Chapman of Concord,	Dike,



Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Fenton,  
Fitzgerald,  
Foley,  
Gray,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
Ladd,

Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Legate,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Noble,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Perrin,  
Pike of Stratton,

Porter,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Sergeant,  
Shores,  
Spalding,  
Stedman,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
West,  
White,  
Wooster.

Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Ayer,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Bucklin,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cummings,  
Dillon,  
Dunn,  
Dunton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Hemenway,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,  
Hill,

Hinds,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
King,  
LaFleur,  
Lynaugh,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Meech,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miner,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pollard,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Stanton,



Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Taylor of Greensboro,

Waite of Weston,  
Whitney,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Young.

And pending the third reading of the bill, Mr. Cannon of Northfield moved that the House do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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### EVENING.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the fifth day of April he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 31.) Joint resolution relating to universal military training;

H. 189. An act to amend sections 35, 100, 187 and 200 of No. 249 of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Rutland";

H. 314. An act relating to the open season for fishing in Forest Lake or Leach Pond;

H. 355. An act to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon;

H. 390. An act to authorize the town of Woodbury to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

H. 407. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the militia", approved March 3, 1917;

H. 412. An act to amend paragraph A of section 21 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by No. 187 of the Acts of 1915, changing dates in which wild ducks and wild geese may be taken and possessed;



H. 427. An act to enable the town of Shrewsbury to dispose of its cemetery property;

H. 428. An act to authorize the village of Barton to issue bonds for the purpose therein named;

H. 432. An act in addition to No. 140 of the Acts of 1865 as amended by No. 225 of the Acts of 1884 extending the boundaries of the village of Fair Haven.

Mr. Beard of Waterville moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it rejected House bill, entitled

H. 276. An act appropriating a sum of money to build and maintain a water transportation terminal on Lake Champlain at Burlington, and creating a water terminal board;

And further moved that this motion be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow at ten o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which motions were severally disagreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 417. An act regulating disputes between employer and employee;

Was taken up as unfinished business, read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Miner of Sherburne moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow forenoon at ten o'clock and forty-five minutes;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 83, No 79.)

Mr. Smith, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 436. An act making an appropriation for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

*First.* In section 6, line 4, by striking out the figures "\$10,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures \$8,600.



*Second.* In section 7, line 4, by striking out the figures \$'5,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 10,000.

*Third.* In section 12, by striking out the figures '20,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 15,000.

*Fourth.* In section 14, by striking out the figures '11,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 10,000.

*Fifth.* In section 17, by adding the following:

(a) *Out of the above sum fifteen hundred dollars is to be expended annually by the commissioner of education to pay the debts already incurred by the boys' and girls' agricultural and industrial exposition and to conduct further expositions of like character as said commissioner may determine, provided that the property of said boys' and girls' agricultural and industrial exposition be transferred to said commissioner of education for such purposes.*

*Sixth.* In section 18, by striking out the figures '13,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 8,500.

*Seventh.* In section 26, line 4, by striking out the figures '42,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 37,000.

*Eighth.* In section 46, line 2, by striking out the figures '65,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 60,000.

*Ninth.* In section 47, by striking out the figures '5,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 10,000.

*Tenth.* In section 66, line 2, by striking out the figures '25,000'' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 22,500.

*Eleventh.* In section 84, line 1, by striking out the word 'ten'' and inserting in lieu thereof the word *five*.

*Twelfth.* By striking out section 87.

*Thirteenth.* In section 89, line 1, by striking out the compound word "twenty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *thirty-five*.

*Fourteenth.* In the same section, line 3, by striking out the words "commissioner of agriculture" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *board of education*.



*Fifteenth.* In the same section, line 5, after the word "buildings" by inserting the words *and for such other purposes as may be necessary.*

*Sixteenth.* By renumbering sections 88 to 103, inclusive, as sections 87 to 102, inclusive.

*Seventeenth.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 103, as follows:

*Sec. 103. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of House bill No. 315 provided the same becomes a law.*

The bill was read the second time, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, eighth, ninth, tenth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth amendments were severally agreed to, the sixth, seventh, eleventh, twelfth and sixteenth were severally disagreed to;

And pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Gill of Springfield moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 28, line 2, by striking out the figures "40,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 50,000.

Which was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Waite of Shoreham moved that the bill be further amended,

In section 29, line 4, by striking out the figures "50,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 65,000;

Which amendment was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Smith of St. Albans City moved that the bill be further amended,

By inserting the dollar sign (\$) wherever in said bill it is needed to indicate the amount of an appropriation;

Which amendment was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved that the bill be further amended,

By striking out section 83;

Which was disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative;

Read the third time and passed.



The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals."

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill No. 386, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate recede from its proposals of amendment.

*Second.* That the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. Section 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 2. Said listers shall forthwith, after completing such list, compile and furnish to the town clerk an abstract showing the total number of silos, horses, milch cows, registered neat stock, pure bred bulls, hogs and other stock in the town at the time of taking such list.*

And that the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, relating to an annual census of certain domestic animals.*

A. W. FOOTE,  
M. A. ADAMS,  
MARTIN S. VILAS,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

D. B. DWINELL,  
JOHN B. CANDON,  
A. E. CUDWORTH,

*Committee on the part of the House.*



Which report was read and adopted on the part of the House.

(On a division: Yes 99, No 48.)

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill No. 422, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend, that the Senate recede from its proposal of amendment.

A. LEE CADY,  
GEO. E. CHALMERS,  
N. K. MARTIN,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

GEO. DEYETTE,  
A. G. WRIGHT,  
W. W. REIRDEN,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which report was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bill, entitled

H. 452. An act to prohibit the granting of second class licenses while the United States is at war;

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Johnson of Somerset moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out the words "United States is at war" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *General Assembly is in session*;



Pending consideration of which amendment, Mr. Merrifield of Grafton moved that the bill be ordered to lie and made a special order for tomorrow forenoon at eleven o'clock;

Which motion was disagreed to, and the question being, Will the House amend the bill as moved by Mr. Johnson of Somerset? It was decided in the negative;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 83, No 59.)

The bill was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Waite of Shoreham moved that the bill be committed to the committee on judiciary;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 56, No 82), and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 92. Nays, 61.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Ralph of Brookfield, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Aiken,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Austin,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bell,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Peru,  
Buck,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Curtis,  
Day,  
Demick,

Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Esden,  
Flint,  
Foley,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Ladd,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Matot,  
Merrifield,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Noonan,

O'Neil,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Ranney,  
Richardson,  
Ruble,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stedman,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Walker,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Coventry.



## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Button,  
Cannon,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Clift,  
Cudworth,  
Dalrymple,  
Deyette,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Eaton,  
Fenton,  
Finnegan,  
Haynes,

Hemingway,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Leonard,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Metzger,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Mott,  
Noble,  
O'Brien,  
Orcutt,

Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Phelps,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Ralph,  
Reirden,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Shores,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walter,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Young.

## Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Allbee,  
Amidon,  
Ayer,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Bryant,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Casey,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chessmore,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dana,  
Dillon,  
Dunton,  
Esden,  
Field,

Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Fullam,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hayes,  
Hemenway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hinds,  
Howe,  
Hutchinson,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Lynaugh,  
McCray,  
Meech,  
Miles,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Sullivan,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Pike of Stowe,



Pike of Stratton,  
Porter,  
Potter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Rawson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Shepard,

Sinclair,  
Stanton,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Weston  
White,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster,  
Wright of Waltham.

After the vote had been taken, Mr. Fenton changed his vote from "No" to "Yes".

House bill, entitled

H. 453. An act relating to the inspection of licensed premises;

Was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter of Fletcher, the House adjourned.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 24.) Joint resolution relating to escorting the militia companies of Barre and Montpelier to the railroad station;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.



Joint resolution from the Senate, as follows:

(J. R. S. 24.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the Senate and House of Representatives do adjourn today at eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes for the purpose of going in a body to the City Hall to escort the Montpelier and Barre companies to the railroad station on their departure to Fort Ethan Allen;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the second time, their third reading ordered, read the third time and passed:

H. 454. An act to enable the State of Vermont to issue bonds or the purposes therein named;

H. 456. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust;

H. 457. An act to provide that the state treasurer may appoint a deputy state treasurer and a deputy state commissioner of weights and measures;

H. 458. An act relating to traffic regulations and the erection of warning signs near schoolhouses;

H. 459. An act to authorize the attorney general to proceed against foreign corporations doing business within this State without lawful authority;

H. 462. An act to amend No. 278 of the Acts of 1906, entitled "An Act to incorporate the village of Newfane";

H. 463. An act to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to deed certain lands of the State.

House bill, entitled

H. 455. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington;

Was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Root of Bennington moved that the bill be amended,

In section 3, line 4, after the word "said" by inserting the word *road*.



Which amendment was agreed to, the third reading of the bill was ordered;

Read the third time and passed.

House bill, entitled

H. 460. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 16, 1917, entitled "An Act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby";

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Taylor of Derby the bill was ordered to lie.

House bill, entitled

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a State tax.

Was read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? On motion of Mr. Moore of Ludlow the bill was ordered to lie.

House bills of the following titles were severally reported adversely from the committee on appropriations to which they had been referred and rejected;

By Mr. Hunt,

H. 97. An act to appropriate a sum of money to aid the town of Jay in improving a highway.

By Mr. Perkins,

H. 279. An act to appropriate a sum of money to build a highway bridge between the towns of Alburg and Swanton.

Mr. Flint, from the general committee, to which had been recommitted House bill, entitled

H. 199. An act relating to the licensing of persons transporting persons for hire in automobiles or motor vehicles and the making of traffic rules and regulations;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be amended as moved by Mr. Brooks of



Montpelier? (See page 555) It was decided in the negative, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Leonard, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 324. An act to permit the public service commission to order the extension of the tracks of the Berkshire Street Railway Company in the Village of Bennington;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? At eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes, in accordance with the joint resolution so directing, the Speaker declared the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill entitled

S. 146. An act, entitled "The General Laws of Vermont, 1917";

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 415. An act to empower fire district No. 1 in St. Johnsbury to construct and maintain a water system and to issue bonds;

And has rejected the same.

The Senate refuses to concur in the House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health.

And asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.



And the President has appointed as the members of such committee, on the part of the Senate,

Senator Hawley,  
Proctor,  
Steele.

The Senate has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 36.) Joint resolution extending to American Library Association invitation to hold its annual convention in the State of Vermont;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals";

And has adopted the same on its part.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the fifth day of April he approved and signed bills and joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 20.) Joint resolution relating to paying expenses of members of committees to attend funerals;

(J. R. S. 21.) Joint resolution urgently requesting the immediate enactment of a Federal universal military training law;

S. 41. An act to amend sections 14, 15 and 16 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

S. 82. An act to amend No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads;

S. 126. An act to amend section 182 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 10 of the Acts of 1912, relating to the system of voting: providing for a plurality election for all town, village and fire district officers;



S. 129. An act to amend section 11 of No. 48 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the assessment and collection of poll taxes: providing for the allowance of a discount;

S. 130. An act relating to the formation of religious corporations.

S. 131. An act to amend section 19 of No. 225 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by section 6 of No. 202 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the appropriation for the use of the live-stock commissioner.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 146. An act entitled "The General Laws of Vermont, 1917";

Was read and referred to the special joint committee on the Revision of the Laws.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the special joint committee on the revision of the laws, as follows:

## REPORT OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE LAWS.

### Part I.

#### *To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Early during the present session of the General Assembly, a proposed revision of the statute laws of the State entitled "General Laws of Vermont," was submitted to the Assembly by Hale K. Darling who had been appointed as commissioner to prepare such revision by the justices of the supreme court, under No. 242 of the Acts of 1915.

Following the course usually taken in this State with reference to a work of this character, it was, by joint resolution approved Jan. 16, 1917, provided "that the judiciary committee of the Senate and House shall constitute a joint special committee to whom shall be referred the report of the commissioner appointed to prepare and submit a revision of the laws of this State, under the provisions of No. 242 of the Acts of 1915." By another joint resolution, approved Jan. 10, 1917, it was provided that said commissioner be "directed to attend before the legislative committees having the revision in charge, during the present session,



and that said committees be hereby authorized to employ such stenographic assistance as may be required to expedite their work in connection with such revision," etc.

Pursuant to these joint resolutions, the joint special committee created by the first one has examined the proposed revision: and in accordance with the second one the commissioner has attended upon the committee and it has also had the benefit of stenographic assistance.

On Jan. 19, 1917, the joint special committee was divided into six subcommittees of three members each, and at that time the bulk of the work was assigned to the respective subcommittees.

Later on other parts of the revision not previously assigned, were assigned either to some of the subcommittees as first appointed, or to other members of the full committee.

On account of the ordinary legislative duties of the members of the joint special committee, and because of the fact that nearly all of said members were chairmen of other important committees, it has not been found feasible to have and maintain stated meetings of the various subcommittees: but meetings of such committees have been held and the work has been done at such times as would best suit the convenience of the members of the committee, and when they were not engaged in their ordinary duties. In some instances, when one or more members of a particular subcommittee have been necessarily absent, their places have been filled by members of other subcommittees, and instances have occurred where some of the subcommittees have proceeded to do business without a quorum; but in each case of such irregular procedure, the action of the incomplete portion of the particular subcommittee has been ratified by all of its members.

The proposed revision, as reported, has been carefully compared with the pre-existing statutes of a public nature proper to be included in a revision, and every substantial change recommended by the commissioner, the reasons therefore, and its effect upon other sections of the statutes have been carefully considered.

Numerous changes in form and in substance have been recommended by your joint special committee; and they are each and all indicated on the copy of the General Laws submitted with this report, as a bill to be enacted by the General Assembly.



In the notes following the report, attention is directed to each substantial change recommended by your committee; but numerous changes have been made in matters of punctuation, and alterations of a merely verbal character not affecting the sense of the particular section are recommended, and appear upon the copy submitted herewith.

As to these last named changes, no comment or explanation seems necessary to be made by us.

The joint special committee unanimously recommends the enactment of the proposed revision with the corrections and additions recommended by us; and we also submit herewith a copy of a bill, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Publication of the General Laws," which we recommend should be enacted with the proposed revision.

At a comparatively early date in the Session, the committee sustained a great loss in the death of Senator Eddy, who was chairman of subcommittee No. 4, to which had been assigned title ten, relating to Public Revenue, but the work assigned to that subcommittee had been practically completed before his death, so that said title, as reported, with the exception of chapters 46, 47, 48 and 49, represents the results of conferences of the particular subcommittee at which he was present. His service on this work was extremely valuable and his wide knowledge of our statute law made him one of our most useful members.

We feel that mention should also be made of the fact that whenever called upon Messrs. John N. Harvey and Julius A. Willcox, who served as assistants to the commissioner in the preparation of the proposed revision, have attended meetings of the various subcommittees and have rendered all the aid in their power in the way of explaining changes or additions recommended in the proposed revision.

In the course of our work upon this revision, several instances have arisen in which members of the legislature and others have requested certain matters in the line of new legislation to be enacted as a part of the revision. Your committee has taken the view that to amend the revision by inserting matters of this character would be entirely out of place, and that the proper way to enact independent legislation is through the ordinary channels,—that is, by the introduction of a bill for that purpose and its reference to the appropriate committee.



We have proceeded upon the theory that the scope of our duties was confined to examining the revision as proposed, and think that it would be decidedly improper for us to undertake to enact any new legislation by tacking it on to a section or chapter of the revision.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that where certain sections or chapters of the proposed revision have been amended or repealed by acts of the present session of the General Assembly, no attempt has been made to correct them in the General Laws as submitted for your action. To undertake to do this would be a task that could not be completed in time for a seasonable adjournment, and would be simply a matter of editorial work, the performance of which the proposed editorial bill is designed to effect. By force of the proposed editorial bill, that phase of the work is adequately provided for; and as will be seen by section 7306 of the General Laws, as proposed, it is expressly provided that

“Acts of the General Assembly of nineteen hundred and seventeen, inconsistent with sections of the General Laws, shall be construed to have been passed *after such sections*, and shall *take precedence of them.*”

For the joint special committee,

MELVIN G. MORSE,  
*Chairman Senate Committee.*

ADDISON E. CUDWORTH,  
*Chairman House Committee.*

Montpelier, April 3, 1917.

## Part II.

### NOTES SHOWING CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

(References are to sections of General Laws, as proposed.)

#### 1.

G. L. 5. Strike out word “school” in line 4.

#### 2.

G. L. 8. Insert the words “elected or” before the word “appointed” at top of p. 18.



3.

G. L. 36. Strike out this section.

4.

G. L. 146. Insert words "for governor" after word "cash" in line 3; and insert words "for governor" after word "cast" in line 6.

5.

G. L. 349. Strike out the word "less" in the fourth line and insert the word "more"; strike out the word "thirty" in the fifth line and insert the word "ten".

6.

G. L. 386. Words at end of section, "and shall be sworn" stricken out and the following words substituted, "who shall be sworn, and whose term of office shall be two years from and including the first day of February following his election".

7.

G. L. 410. After word "requisition" in line 3 add words "subject to the approval of the auditor of accounts".

8.

G. L. 515. Word "days" in line 2 changed to "sessions" on recommendation of officials of Maple Sugar Makers' Association. That is as the law now is, and its change in the revision was evidently a mistake.

9.

G. L. 596. Strike out the words "general indebitatus assumpsit" in second line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "action of contract".

10.

G. L. 1141. Strike out the word "may" in line 6 and insert in lieu thereof the word "shall".

11.

G. L. 1152. Insert the words "and qualified" after the word "elected" in the fourth line.



12.

G. L. 1221. Words "or over" inserted after word "age" in line 2.

13.

G. L. 1232. Strike out the last sentence and insert the following: "the state shall pay on account of such board not to exceed one dollar per week per pupil and the town shall pay the remainder".

14.

G. L. 1233. Strike out the period after the word "dollars" in second line and insert in lieu thereof a semi-colon followed by the words "and in". Strike out the semi-colon after the word "district" at the top of page 82 and insert in lieu thereof a period.

15.

G. L. 1264a. Section as recommended at p. 124 of report is inserted.

16.

G. L. 1265. Strike out this section.

17.

G. L. 1302. Words "or part thereof" stricken out.

18.

G. L. 1352. Words "if required by vote of the district or credential committee" stricken out.

19.

G. L. 1339. Words "or, in case of his death, absence or inability to act, by the prudential committee," added after word "clerk" in line 1.

20.

G. L. 1351. Words "April" and "September" changed to "July" and "December," respectively.



## 21.

G. L. 1371. "Civil authority" changed to "listers" in line 1 and "February" changed to "May" in line 2.

## 22.

G. L. 1372. "March" changed to "June" in line 1.

## 22a.

G. L. 5961. Strike out last sentence, same being covered by G. L. 359.

## 23.

G. L. 1474. The following words are added, the reasons for which will be found in the note at p. 158 of the report:—

"Exceptions taken on the trial of controverted questions of fact before a chancellor shall be available on appeal in the same manner as in county court cases tried by the court."

## 24.

G. L. 1479. "Twelve days" notice, instead of "six" is provided for. This leaves the law as it is at present.

## 25.

G. L. 1511. In the sixth line from the bottom, after the word "defendant", are inserted the words "on or before the.....day.....19.....". This is in substantial accord with the recommendation made by the commissioner.

## 25a.

G. L. 1591. Word "special" inserted after word "stated" in line 2.

## 26.

G. L. 1600. Words "of such count" at end of section stricken out and the following inserted:



“So disqualified or unable to act, except the power to designate a judge or justice to act in the event of his own disqualifications, inability or absence.”

27.

G. L. 1610. Strike out this section.

28.

G. L. 1614. Strike out the words “of such town or towns as said judge directs,” and insert in lieu thereof the words “prepared by the judge”.

29.

G. L. 1630. Insert words “or appointed” after word “elected” in line 1.

30.

G. L. 1661. Amend by adding after the word “county” in line 3 the words “having jurisdiction”;

31.

G. L. 1679. Add at the end of section the following “and service so made shall be as valid as if made by the sheriff”.

31a.

G. L. 1700. Change word “such” to “the” in line 4, and after word “stipulation” in same line add the words “filed under the provisions of chapter two hundred and six”.

32.

G. L. 1702. Strike out the word “of” in the seventh line and insert in lieu thereof the word “by”.

33.

G. L. 1708. Insert the word “such” after the words “record of”.

34.

G. L. 1736. Strike out the words “organized state militia” in the first line and insert in lieu thereof the words “national guard”.



35.

G. L. 2261. Insert the words "after rendition of the original judgment" after the word "year" in the second line.

36.

G. L. 2286. Strike out the words "a suit" in the first line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "an action is".

37.

G. L. 2533 a and b. P. S. 2291, 2292 restored.

38.

G. L. 2544. Strike out the words "or court" in fourth line.

38a.

G. L. 2546. Add after word "court" in line 2, the words "the evidence taken by him and".

39.

G. L. 2603. Strike out the word "he" in first line and insert in lieu thereof the words "the governor".

40.

G. L. 2607. Strike out the word "condemned" and insert in lieu thereof the word "convict" in lines two and three.

41.

G. L. 2608. Strike out the word "condemned" and insert in lieu thereof the word "convict" in line two.

42.

G. L. 2615. Strike out the words "penalty belongs" in the second line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "fine", in case of conviction would belong".

43.

G. L. 2535. Strike out the words "bond of" in second line.



44.

G. L. 2743. This section eliminated and P. S. No. 2625 inserted in lieu thereof.

45.

G. L. 2801. Strike out the article "a" in the fourth line.

46.

G. L. 2856. Strike out this section.

46a.

G. L. 2975. Strike out subdivision II., and change wording accordingly.

47.

G. L. 3034. Strike out the words "legal" in the last line.

48.

G. L. 3138. After the word "required" insert the words "by law".

49.

G. L. 3270. Strike out the words "has" and insert in lieu thereof the word "had".

50.

G. L. 3299. Strike out the word "writ" in the third line and insert in lieu thereof the word "complaint".

51.

G. L. 3410. Strike out the word "declaration" in second line and insert in lieu thereof the word "complaint".

52.

G. L. 3416. Strike out the word "declaration" in the last line and insert in lieu thereof the word "complaint."



## 53.

G. L. 3709. Insert after the word "resides" in the seventh line, the words "or before a notary public or magistrate authorized to take acknowledgements or administer oaths".

## 54.

G. L. 4371. Strike out the words "except for schools," in the first line.

## 55.

G. L. 4600. Strike out the word "and" in the fourth line after the word "chauffeur".

## 56.

G. L. 4777. Change the word "requiring" in fourth line to "acquiring".

## 57.

G. L. 4779. Strike out the word "audited" in next to last line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "approved".

## 58.

G. L. 5008. Strike out this section.

## 59.

G. L. 5498. Strike out the words "nor less than one hundred dollars" in the fourth and fifth lines.

## 60.

G. L. 5843. Strike out the word "and" in last line and insert the word "of" at bottom of page 751.

## 61.

G. L. 5850. Strike out word "fourth" in third line and insert in lieu thereof the word "third". Strike out the word "fourth" in eighth line and insert in lieu thereof the word "third".



61a.

G. L. 5961. Strike out last sentence, "The governor may remove a member of said board for cause", in the fourth and fifth lines.

62.

G. L. 5965. Strike out the word "partial" in eighth line; strike out the word "partial" in the fourteenth line and insert in lieu thereof the word "previous"..

63.

G. L. 6014. Strike out the word "purchase" and insert the word "sale" in the fourth line.

64.

G. L. 6017. Strike out the words "a civil action" and insert "an action of tort on this statute".

65.

G. L. 6019. Strike out the last sentence.

66.

G. L. 6047. Add the words "and entitled to such diploma" after the words "veterinary surgery".

67.

G. L. 6053. Strike out the words "bank commissioner", and insert in lieu thereof the words "state treasurer".

68.

G. L. 6179. Insert a comma after the word "therein" in the sixth line, and insert the words "short pickerel".

69.

G. L. 6257. Insert a comma after the word "deer" in the first line and strike out the comma after the word "Sixth" in the second line.

70.

G. L. 6287. Insert the words "in this town" after the word "liquor" in the third line.



71.

G. L. 6322. Strike out the words "and costs of prosecution" in tenth and eleventh lines.

72.

G. L. 6323. Strike out the words "and costs of prosecution" in last sentence.

73.

G. L. 6324. Strike out words "with costs of prosecution" in the third and fourth lines; also strike out words "and costs of prosecutions" in fifth line.

74.

G. L. 6343. Strike out last sentence.

75.

G. L. 6366. Strike out section.

76.

G. L. 6388. Strike out the words "except as provided in subdivision two of section 6343" in fourth and fifth lines.

77.

G. L. 6394. Strike out words "and costs of prosecution" in fourth and fifth lines.

78.

G. L. 6417. Strike out this section.

79.

G. L. 6432. Strike out this section.

80.

G. L. 6433. Strike out the words "bay lynx" and comma in first line. Insert in lieu thereof "Canada lynx or a bay lynx". Also strike out the words "Canadian lynx or" in the first and second lines.



81.

G. L. 6477. Strike out the word "printed" and insert in lieu thereof the word "written".

82.

G. L. 6503. Insert the words "of the peace" after the word justice in the third line.

83.

G. L. 6508. Add after the word "auction" in last line, the words "after six days notice posted in some public place in the town".

84.

G. L. 6511. Add the words "of the peace" after the word "justices" in the fifth line.

85.

G. L. 6529. Add the words "in an action of tort founded on this statute" after the word "ram" in the last line.

86.

G. L. 6531. Strike out the words "the owner or keeper shall forfeit five dollars to the person taking and securing it" at the end of the section and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the person taking and securing it may recover five dollars of the owner or keeper, to be recovered in an action of tort on this statute".

87.

G. L. 6544. Strike out the second "or" in the third line and insert in lieu thereof the word "nor".

88.

G. L. 6586. Insert the words "relating thereto" after the word "papers" in the sixth line.

89.

G. L. 6587. Strike out the word "papers" in the first line.



90.

G. L. 6789. Remove the last "s" from the word "sections" in the first line.

91.

G. L. 7140. Insert the word "for" after the word "paid" in next to the last line.

92.

G. L. 7141a. Insert as a new section.

93.

G. L. 7152. Strike out last sentence.

94.

G. L. 7222. Strike out the words "actual and" in eighteenth and nineteenth lines.

95.

G. L. 7229. Change the word "day" to twenty-four hours.

96.

G. L. 7232. Strike out the words "actual and" in second line.

97.

G. L. 7233. Strike out the words "actual and" in the second line.

98.

G. L. 7238a. Strike out this section.

99.

G. L. 7270. Insert after the word "journals" in the tenth line the words, "immediately after the journals of the respective Houses are printed and published said Secretary and Clerk shall deposit the original journals of their respective House in the office of the Secretary of State, which shall there be kept and shall not be taken therefrom unless by authority of law".



Which report was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry asked leave for the judiciary committee to sit during the session of the House;

Which was agreed to.

House bill, entitled

H. 324. An act to permit the public service commission to order the extension of the tracks of the Berkshire Street Railway Company in the village of Bennington;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Root of Bennington moved that the bill be amended,

By striking out section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to be numbered section 1, as follows:

*Sec. 1. The public service commission may upon hearing and after due notice has been given to the parties interested as required by section 4611 of the Public Statutes order a street railway company, its successors or assigns to extend its tracks and appurtenances thereto in accordance with the statement filed pursuant to the laws of the State or the charter of such company.*

Which amendment was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative;

The bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed, whereupon Mr. Root of Bennington moved that the title be amended so as to read as follows:

*An act giving the public service commission authority to require a street railway company to extend its tracks and appurtenances.*

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 57. An act granting to Elisha N. Goodsell a ferry across Lake Champlain between Grand Isle and Cumberland Head;



Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. Hicks, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 350. An act appropriating a certain sum to aid the Vermont State Firemen's Association and creating the Vermont Firemen's Relief Board;

Reported adversely to its passage, and pending the question, Shall the bill be rejected? Mr. Root of Bennington moved that the bill be amended,

*First.* In section 2, line 1, before the word "such" by inserting the words *except as hereinafter provided*.

*Second.* In the same section, same line, after the word "used" by inserting the word *only*.

*Third.* In section 5, line 1, by striking out the word "association" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *board*.

*Fourth.* In the same section, same line, by striking out the words "and observe".

*Fifth.* In section 7, line 5, after the word "duty" by inserting the words *on premises other than those owned or occupied by him or*.

Which amendments were severally disagreed to and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee on education, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 139. An act providing for the filling of a vacancy in the office of clerk of an incorporated school district;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.



Mr. Spalding, for a majority of the committee on taxation, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 89. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to restrictions on exemptions from taxation; excluding from such taxation orphanages, homes and hospitals;

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Mr. Belknap, for a minority of the same committee, reported that the bill ought to be rejected.

Read the second time, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington moved that the bill be ordered to lie;

Which was disagreed to;

Whereupon, Mr. Beard of Waterville, moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

*First.* In section 1, line 12, by striking out the words "orphanage, home, or hospital".

*Second.* In the same section, line 14, by striking out the words "home, and hospital".

*Third.* In the same section, after line 26, by striking out the words "when such lands or buildings are located in the town in which such institutions are situated" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: *Provided, however, that in cases where lands exempted under this section are situated in any town other than the town in which the institution to which they belong is located, the auditor of accounts shall draw his order in favor of the treasurer of the town in which such lands are situated for a sum equivalent to the amount of taxes which would be paid on such lands if the same were not exempted.*

Which proposals of amendment were severally disagreed to, the third reading of the bill was ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

. H. 424. An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 489 of the Public Statutes as



amended, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended, and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended, extending the right of suffrage to women, and providing for a referendum thereon.

*First.* By striking out all of the bill after section 5.

*Second.* By adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 6, as follows:

*Sec. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

*Third.* By amending the title of the bill so as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 68 of the Public Statutes, as amended, section 489 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 495 of the Public Statutes as amended, section 543 of the Public Statutes as amended and section 3416 of the Public Statutes as amended extending the right of suffrage to women.*

Were severally considered and non-concurred in.

House bill, entitled

H. 464. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for a rate of taxation on bonds and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915" approved March 30, 1917, omitting from taxation stocks held by a trustee;

Was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the bill be amended,

In section 2, line 5, after the word "notes" by inserting the word *and*.

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed.

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 87. An act to authorize the employment of general town or municipal managers;



Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the negative;

Read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused to pass House bill, entitled

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission;

And further moved that this motion be ordered to lie;

Which motions were severally agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed a bill, entitled

S. 152. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to create a board of control", approved March 21, 1917.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has acceded to the request of the House for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities.

And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator DeWitt,  
Proctor,  
Fairchild.

On motion of Mr. Walker of Barnard, the House adjourned.



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1197.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was recieved from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 97. An act to amend the general corporation law;

S. 118. An act to amend section 4 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

S. 137. An act to prohibit feeding diseased meat to hogs or hens;

S. 142. An act to amend section 3725 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 133 of the Acts of 1912, relating to pay for the care of insane supported by the State at the Brattleboro Retreat;

S. 145. An act in addition to No. 243 of the Acts of 1904, relating to the village of Springfield;

S. 148. An act relating to the improvement of property of cemetery corporations;

S. 149. An act to amend sections 175, 176 and 177 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the consolidated school fund, and section 1 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 1 of No. 74 of the Acts of 1912, relating to vocational education;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;

H. 256. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the state geologist and curator of the state cabinet;



H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 321 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto";

H. 435. An act to amend sections 4, 10 and 11 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals; providing for security for costs;

H. 437. An act imposing upon the state board of education the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the state agricultural schools;

H. 440. An act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the Acts of 1898, relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line; increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of town of Derby to village of Derby Line;

H. 443. An act to prohibit certain acts while the United States is at war or threatened with war;

H. 446. An act relating to the Bennington graded school district;

H. 448. An act to amend subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by the second paragraph of section 6 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 449. An act to amend No. 129 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition to chapter 176 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of permits for and the registration of traction engines and motor trucks;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes as amended, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways;

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks; providing a penalty for failure to perform services;



H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses;

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 236. An act to amend section 13 of No. 348 of the Acts of 1910, providing for the repeal of the charter of the Fifteen Mile Falls Power Company on December 1, 1917, unless said company expends a certain amount of money before that date;

And has rejected the same.

It has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants;

S. 123. An act relating to the establishment by the State of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections, relating to probation;



and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And has concurred in the second and fourth and refused to concur in the first and third thereof.

It has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

And has concurred therein.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read and referred as follows:

S. 97. An act to amend the general corporation law;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

S. 118. An act to amend section 4 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 137. An act to prohibit feeding diseased meat to hogs or hens;

To the committee on public health.

S. 142. An act to amend section 3725 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 133 of the Acts of 1912, relating to pay for the care of insane supported by the State at the Brattleboro Retreat;

To the committee on state institutions.

S. 145. An act in addition to No. 243 of the Acts of 1904, relating to the village of Springfield;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

S. 148. An act relating to the improvement of property of cemetery corporations;

To the general committee.



S. 149. An act to amend sections 175, 176 and 177 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the consolidated school fund, and section 1 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 1 of No. 74 of the Acts of 1912, relating to vocational education;

To the committee on education.

S. 152. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to create a board of control," approved March 21, 1917;

To the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Osgood of Rockingham moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,  
Cudworth of Londonderry,  
Hall of Woodbury.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the House insist upon its first and third proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And ask for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

Which was agreed to and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven,  
Pollard of Cavendish,  
Root of Bennington.



Mr. Prouty of Newport called up House bill, entitled

H. 460. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 16, 1917, entitled "An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby".

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the second Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill No. 336, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend that the Senate recede from its second proposal of amendment.

F. A. DeWITT,  
REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
W. H. FAIRCHILD,

*Committee on part of the Senate.*

J. GREGORY SMITH,  
FRANK G. HOWLAND,  
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS,

*Committee on part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes as amended relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways.



In section 1, line 9 to 16, by striking out the following:

“the following sums are hereby appropriated; fifty thousand dollars on March 1, 1913; two hundred thousand dollars on July 1, 1913 and two hundred thousand dollars on July 1, 1914 and annually thereafter, and any unexpended balance at the end of a year shall be carried over and added to the appropriation for the following year”.

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposal of amendment to the title of House bill, entitled

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks; providing a penalty for failure to perform services.

So as to read as follows:

*An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assisting clerks: providing a penalty for failure to perform services.*

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses.

In section 1, line 4, after the word “thousand” by inserting the words *five hundred*.

Was considered and non-concurred in. (On a division: Yes 81, No 83.)

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.

*First.* In section 8, line 47, by striking out the word “supplemental” and inserting in lieu thereof the word *final*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 49, by striking out the word “and” and the comma immediately following.



*Third.* In the same section, line 50, after the word "shall" by inserting the following: *at the expiration of each sixty days' period make a supplemental.*

*Fourth.* In the same section, lines 50 and 51 by striking out the words "at the end of such period".

*Fifth.* In the same section, line 53 by striking out the word "supplemental".

*Sixth.* In the same section, lines 61 and 62, by striking out the words "the termination of such".

*Seventh.* In section 11, line 2, after the word "the" where it first occurs by inserting the word *employee* and a comma (,).

*Eighth.* In the same section, line 4, after the word "the" by inserting the word *employee* and a comma (,).

*Ninth.* In section 12, line 2, by striking out the words "more than ten men" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *five men or more.*

*Tenth.* In the same section, line 3, by striking out the words "more than ten men" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *five men or more.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children.

*First.* In section 1, line 35, by striking out the word "seven" (as inserted by House amendment) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six.*

*Second.* In the same section, line 36, by striking out the word "eight" (as inserted by House amendment) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *seven.*

*Third.* In section 4, line 8, by striking out the word "ten" (as inserted by House amendment for the word *eleven*) and inserting in lieu thereof the word *eleven.*



*Fourth.* In the same section, line 9, by striking out the compound word "fifty-five" (as inserted by House amendment for the compound word fifty-eight) and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *fifty-eight*.

Were severally considered and the first and second of which were concurred in, and the third and fourth non-concurred in.

Mr. Fenton, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been recommitted House bill; entitled

H. 451. An act to provide for the payment of fines and costs collected for violations of the automobile law and fish and game law into the state treasury, and to provide for the payment of the costs taxed, by the State;

Reported in favor of its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative, and the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Barrett of Cabot, the House adjourned

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MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 144. An act to permit a town, city or incorporated village to engage in the coal, wood and ice business;

S. 151. An act to authorize the public service commission to determine at what clearance above the rails the Connecticut and Passumpsic River Railroad bridge next south of Norwich Station shall be built or repaired;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.



It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 288. An act to amend section 6210 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 6 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables; changing the mileage allowed for service of process to the number of miles actually traveled by sheriff;

H. 291. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 263 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 282 of the Acts of 1912, relating to State aid for indigent veterans; providing aid for wives of indigent veterans;

H. 295. An act to amend section 3 of No. 167 of the Acts of 1894, relating to the electric light plant of the village of Barton, and to extend the powers of said village in respect thereto;

H. 426. An act to amend section 3 of No. 166 of the Acts of 1910, defining the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture as relating to creameries, cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and relating to reports from the same to said commissioner;

H. 450. An act to grant certain powers to the village of Johnson, relating to the construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks and the making of by-laws;

H. 453. An act relating to the inspection of licensed premises;

H. 455. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington;

H. 456. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust;

H. 457. An act to provide that the state treasurer may appoint a deputy state treasurer and a deputy state commissioner of weights and measures;

H. 458. An act relating to traffic regulations and the erection of warning signs near schoolhouses;

H. 459. An act to authorize the attorney general to proceed against foreign corporations doing business within this State without lawful authority;



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1197.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was recieved from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 97. An act to amend the general corporation law;

S. 118. An act to amend section 4 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

S. 137. An act to prohibit feeding diseased meat to hogs or hens;

S. 142. An act to amend section 3725 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 133 of the Acts of 1912, relating to pay for the care of insane supported by the State at the Brattleboro Retreat;

S. 145. An act in addition to No. 243 of the Acts of 1904, relating to the village of Springfield;

S. 148. An act relating to the improvement of property of cemetery corporations;

S. 149. An act to amend sections 175, 176 and 177 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the consolidated school fund, and section 1 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 1 of No. 74 of the Acts of 1912, relating to vocational education;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;

H. 256. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the state geologist and curator of the state cabinet;



H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 321 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto";

H. 435. An act to amend sections 4, 10 and 11 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals; providing for security for costs;

H. 437. An act imposing upon the state board of education the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the state agricultural schools;

H. 440. An act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the Acts of 1898, relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line; increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of town of Derby to village of Derby Line;

H. 443. An act to prohibit certain acts while the United States is at war or threatened with war;

H. 446. An act relating to the Bennington graded school district;

H. 448. An act to amend subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by the second paragraph of section 6 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 449. An act to amend No. 129 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition to chapter 176 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of permits for and the registration of traction engines and motor trucks;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes as amended, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways;

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks; providing a penalty for failure to perform services;



H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses;

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 236. An act to amend section 13 of No. 348 of the Acts of 1910, providing for the repeal of the charter of the Fifteen Mile Falls Power Company on December 1, 1917, unless said company expends a certain amount of money before that date;

And has rejected the same.

It has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants;

S. 123. An act relating to the establishment by the State of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections, relating to probation;



and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And has concurred in the second and fourth and refused to concur in the first and third thereof.

It has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District, and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

And has concurred therein.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read and referred as follows:

S. 97. An act to amend the general corporation law;

To the committee on corporations and franchises.

S. 118. An act to amend section 4 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 137. An act to prohibit feeding diseased meat to hogs or hens;

To the committee on public health.

S. 142. An act to amend section 3725 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 133 of the Acts of 1912, relating to pay for the care of insane supported by the State at the Brattleboro Retreat;

To the committee on state institutions.

S. 145. An act in addition to No. 243 of the Acts of 1904, relating to the village of Springfield;

To the committee on municipal corporations.

S. 148. An act relating to the improvement of property of cemetery corporations;

To the general committee.



S. 149. An act to amend sections 175, 176 and 177 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the consolidated school fund, and section 1 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 1 of No. 74 of the Acts of 1912, relating to vocational education;

To the committee on education.

S. 152. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An act to create a board of control," approved March 21, 1917;

To the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Osgood of Rockingham moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,  
Cudworth of Londonderry,  
Hall of Woodbury.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the House insist upon its first and third proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And ask for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

Which was agreed to and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven,  
Pollard of Cavendish,  
Root of Bennington.



Mr. Prouty of Newport called up House bill, entitled

H. 460. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 16, 1917, entitled "An act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby".

And the bill was, under the rule, ordered to be placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the second Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill No. 336, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend that the Senate recede from its second proposal of amendment.

F. A. DeWITT,  
REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
W. H. FAIRCHILD,

*Committee on part of the Senate.*

J. GREGORY SMITH,  
FRANK G. HOWLAND,  
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS,

*Committee on part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes as amended relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways.



Which had been called up by Mr. Prouty of Newport and placed in the Orders of the Day for today, was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Prouty of Newport moved that the bill be amended,

*First.* In section 1, line 10, by striking out the period (.) and inserting in lieu thereof a comma (,).

*Second.* In the same section, at the end thereof, by adding the following: *provided however that the schools located within that part of the town of Derby that is hereby made a part of the city of Newport shall be maintained by the city of Newport from March 1, 1918 until July 1, 1918.*

Which amendment was agreed to and the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 118. An act to amend section 4 of No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Noble of Tunbridge moved that the House return to the Senate agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 410. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the seventh day of April he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:



(J. R. H. 36.) Joint resolution extending to the American Library Association invitation to hold its annual convention in the State of Vermont;

H. 183. An act to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers;

H. 188. An act to amend section 6155 of the Public Statutes, relating to the salary and expenses of the adjutant and inspector general;

H. 256. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the state geologist and curator of the state cabinet;

H. 286. An act to extend the time within which the construction of railroads heretofore authorized may be commenced or finished;

H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro;

H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by No. 321 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto";

H. 386. An act to amend section 2 of No. 46 of the Acts of 1912, relating to an annual census of certain domestic animals;

H. 421. An act to amend paragraph A of section 13 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912 as amended by section 2 of No. 176 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the open season for hunting deer;

H. 433. An act to amend subdivision VI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain property from taxation;

H. 435. An act to amend sections 4, 10 and 11 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1915, relating to appeals by taxpayers and providing for security for costs;

H. 437. An act imposing upon the state board of education the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the state agricultural schools;



H. 440. An act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the Acts of 1898, relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line; increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of the town of Derby to the village of Derby Line;

H. 443. An act to prohibit certain acts while the United States is at war or threatened with war;

H. 446. An act relating to the Bennington Graded School District;

H. 448. An act to amend subdivision VIII of section 510 of the Public Statutes as amended by the second paragraph of section 6 of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910, relating to taxation of deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

H. 449. An act to amend No. 129 of the Acts of 1910 and No. 152 of the Acts of 1912 and in addition to Chapter 176 of the Public Statutes, relating to the issuance of permits and the registration of traction engines and motor trucks.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Kirby, the House adjourned.

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## TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 147. An act relating to the sale of horses or draft animals unfit for work;

S. 150. An act to provide for the publication of the General Laws;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls;

And has passed the same in concurrence.



It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof;

H. 387. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 17.) Joint resolution to approve the continuance of the Vermont State School of Agriculture at Randolph and the Theodore N. Vail Agricultural School at Lyndon;

And has indefinitely postponed further consideration of the same.

It has refused to reconsider its vote refusing third reading to House bill, entitled

H. 410. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers.

The Senate has reconsidered its vote, concurring in House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senater Peck,  
Russell,  
McClellan.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the seventh day of April he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following titles:



(J. R. S. 19.) Joint resolution relating to the payment of the commissioners' expenses in the re boundary case pending between Vermont and New Hampshire;

S. 87. An act to authorize the employment of general town or municipal managers;

S. 89. An act to amend section 498 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 32 of the Acts of 1910, relating to restrictions on exemptions from taxation; excluding from such taxation orphanages, homes and hospitals;

S. 123. An act relating to the establishment by the State of hospitals or wards for the treatment of tuberculosis;

S. 133. An act to amend sections 268, 6157, 6296 and 6303 of the Public Statutes, relating to the State library; providing for the fixing of salaries therein and the distribution of Session Laws and reports thereby;

S. 135. An act to amend section 1471 of the Public Statutes as amended relating to the summoning of petit jurors;

S. 138. An act to empower the trustees of the permanent school fund to receive and hold funds in trust;

S. 139. An act providing for the filling of a vacancy in the office of clerk of an incorporated school district.

Mr. Reirden of Barton moved that the House accede to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Reirden of Barton,  
Austin of Reading,  
Tenney of Dummerston.



Mr. Moore of Ludlow called up House bill, entitled

H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the Acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the public service commission.

And moved that Rule 35 be suspended so that action might be taken on this bill at this time;

Which was agreed to, and the question being, Will the House reconsider its vote whereby it refused the passage of this bill? It was decided in the negative. (On a division: Yes 27, No 128.)

Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield called up joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 18.) Joint resolution providing for printing the proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society.

And moved that Rule 35 be suspended so that action might be taken on this joint resolution at this time;

Which was agreed to, and pending the question, Shall the joint resolution be adopted in concurrence? Mr. Hicks moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the joint resolution,

In line 1, by striking out the words "Commissioner of Public Printing" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *Purchasing Agent*;

Which was agreed to, and the joint resolution was adopted in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 147. An act relating to the sale of horses or draft animals unfit for work;

To the general committee.



S. 150. An act to provide for the publication of the General Laws;

To the committee on judiciary.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.

*First.* In section 1, line 3, by striking out the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six* and in section 2, line 4, by striking out the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six*.

*Second.* In section 8 (section 13 of the original bill) after the word "law" by inserting the words *and at such other special session as the presiding judge in his discretion may order*.

*Third.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 13, as follows:

*Sec. 13. Section 1351 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:*

*Sec. 1351. Each county court within the several counties shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all original civil actions, except those made cognizable by a justice and concurrent jurisdiction of all such actions where the debt or other matter in demand exceeds one hundred dollars and does not exceed two hundred dollars, and of such petitions as may be by law be brought before such court, and appellate jurisdiction of causes, civil and criminal, appealable to such court, and may render judgment thereon according to law.*

*Fourth.* By renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

Were severally considered, and the question being Will the House concur in the first proposal of amendment? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 15. Nays, 180.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Pollard of Cavendish, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Barber,  
Belknap,  
Bliss,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cudworth,

Gray,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Reirden,  
Root,

Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol.

## Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Briggs,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cook,  
Cox,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dunn,  
Dwinell,  
Eaton,  
Eden,  
Field,

Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Fitzgerald,  
Flint,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
Lynough,  
McCray,  
McLam,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Metzger,  
Miles,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,

Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shores,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Tenney,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Amidon,  
Archer,  
Bailey,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,  
Bentley,  
Bix,  
Bond,  
Burroughs,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Candon,  
Carlton,  
Casey,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunton,  
Fenton,  
Gill,  
Hayes,

Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Leonard,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Mott,  
O'Sullivan,  
Phelps,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Potter,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Rawson,  
Sheperd,  
Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Weston,  
White,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster.

Whereupon, the House concurred in the second proposal of amendment and refused to concur in the third;

Whereupon, Mr. Stearns of Burlington moved that the House request the Senate for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the first and third proposals of amendment and that the Speaker appoint such a committee on the part of the House;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Stearns of Burlington,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Pollard of Cavendish.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 387. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries.



In section 2, line 6, after the word "but" by inserting the words and figures *prior to the first day of July, 1918*, and after the word "day" by inserting the words and figures *and after the first day of July, 1918, not including the first seven days*.

Was considered and concurred in.

Mr. Osgood, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 137. An act to prohibit feeding diseased meat to hogs or hens;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Metzger, from the committee on state institutions, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 142. An act to amend section 3725 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 133 of the Acts of 1912, relating to pay for the care of insane supported by the State at the Brattleboro Retreat;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Metzger of Randolph, the House adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON.

Mr. Day, from the committee on municipal corporations to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 144. An act to permit a town, city or incorporated village to engage in the coal, wood and ice business;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected. (On a division: Yes 96, No 79.)

Mr. Day, from the same committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled



S. 145. An act in addition to No. 243 of the Acts of 1904, relating to the village of Springfield;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence

Mr. Finnegan, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 151. An act to authorize the public service commission to determine at what clearance above the rails the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad bridge next south of Norwich Station shall be rebuilt or repaired;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

In section 1, line 8, after the word "persons", by striking out the word "all" where.

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered.

Read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

At two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, Mr. Metzger of Randolph, moved that the House take a recess until such time as the committee of public safety have been heard;

Which was agreed to.

The recess having expired, the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 143. An act regulating the pay of municipal and city judges;



S. 153. An act to amend section 6 and repeal section 12 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to criminal and civil jurisdiction of municipal courts;

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the State Capital;

S. 155. An act relating to the control and suppression of insect pests and fungus diseases of plants;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers;

H. 452. An act to prohibit the granting of second class licenses while the United States is at war;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has acceded to the request of the House for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.

And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Fairchild,  
Vilas,  
Ricker.

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, House bill, entitled

H. 48. An act to amend section 7 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to a declaration of party affiliation at primaries.



The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 292. An act to amend section 33 of No. 141 of the Acts of 1915, relating to private corporations; providing for the attachment of stock and sale on execution;

And has refused the same third reading.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 439. An act to amend subdivision A of section 8 of No. 201 of the Acts of 1912, changing payment of damage by deer from general fund to special fish and game fund;

H. 444. An act to amend section 21 of No. 21 of the Acts of 1910 and to repeal No. 152 of the Acts of 1915, relating to unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies;

And has rejected the same.

It has considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 149. An act to amend sections 175, 176 and 177 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the consolidated school fund, and section 1 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 1 of No. 74 of the Acts of 1912, relating to vocational education;

S. 151. An act to authorize the public service commission to determine at what clearance above the rails of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad bridge next south of Norwich Station shall be built or repaired;

And has severally concurred therein.

It has considered House proposal of amendment to joint resolution originating in the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 18.) Joint resolution providing for printing the proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society;

And has concurred therein.



The Senate has réceded from its nonconcurrence in the first and third House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And has concurred in such proposals.

The Senate has considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 34.) Joint resolution relating to the H. C. Copeland gift;

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the calendar rule of the House be suspended and the matters now in the hands of the Clerk be taken up at this time;

Which was agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee of conference to which was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill No. 136, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment,



*Second.* That the bill be amended in section 1, line 10, by striking out the word "widow" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *wife*.

H. S. PECK,  
GEO. W. RUSSELL,  
J. E. McCLELLAN,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

W. W. REIRDEN,  
WALTER S. AUSTIN,  
E. C. TENNEY,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference to which was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill No. 140, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate concur in the first and second House proposals of amendment;

*Second.* That the House recede from its third proposal of amendment.

DONLY C. HAWLEY,  
REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
F. E. STEELE,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

F. L. OSGOOD,  
A. E. CUDWORTH,  
G. G. HALL,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.



The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee of conference to which was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, No. 389, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend, that the Senate recede from its proposal of amendment.

W. A. RICKER,  
JOHN E. McCLELLAN,  
W. D. HOWE,  
*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

ERNEST E. MOORE,  
ADDISON E. CUDWORTH,  
ARTHUR C. CHENEY,  
*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Hicks, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 16.) Joint resolution relating to special committee to investigate the needs of the highways of the State and report to the next General Assembly;

Reported adversely to its adoption in concurrence and the second reading of the joint resolution was refused.

Mr. Fogg, from the committee on public health, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 141. An act relating to the cleansing of receptacles for milk and milk products;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Tenney of Dummerston moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on public health;



Which was disagreed to. (On a division: Yes 43, No 106.)

Whereupon, Mr. Parsons of Hubbardston moved that the bill be amended,

In section 1, line 8, after the word "with" by inserting the words *and*.

Which was disagreed to, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 100, No 63);

The bill was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro asked leave to propose an amendment, which request was refused;

Whereupon, Mr. Hall of Woodbury asked leave to propose an amendment, which request was refused.

And the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 80. Nays, 99.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Robinson of Jamaica, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Austin,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Buxton,  
Carlton,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Cook,  
Deyette,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,

Eaton,  
Esden,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gridley,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Hooper,  
Hopkins,  
Howland,  
Hunt,  
Irish,  
Jennison,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Lynaugh,

McCray,  
McLam,  
Merrifield,  
Noble,  
O'Brien,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,  
Pirie,  
Ranney,  
Reirden,  
Root,  
Shanley,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Walker,  
Wheeler,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Waltham.



## Those who voted in the negative are Mesrs.:

Aiken,  
 Allbee,  
 Allen of Wolcott,  
 Andrews,  
 Atwood,  
 Ayer,  
 Ball of Maidstone,  
 Ball of Newark,  
 Barrett,  
 Bellows of Cambridge,  
 Brown of Peru,  
 Bryant,  
 Buck,  
 Bucklin,  
 Burroughs,  
 Button,  
 Cannon,  
 Chamberlin,  
 Chapman of Windham,  
 Clift,  
 Coburn of Jay,  
 Collins,  
 Cox,  
 Cudworth,  
 Curtis,  
 Dana,  
 Day,  
 Demick,  
 Dike,  
 Dunham of Athens,  
 Dunn,  
 Dwinell,  
 Flint,

Foley,  
 Gray,  
 Hall of Isle La Motte,  
 Hardy,  
 Hemenway,  
 Hemingway,  
 Hight,  
 Holbrook,  
 Howe,  
 Johnson of Craftsbury,  
 Johnson of Huntington,  
 Johnson of Somerset,  
 Johnson of Wardsboro,  
 Kimball,  
 Kingsbury,  
 Lamb,  
 McLaughlin,  
 Martin of Westfield,  
 Matot,  
 Miller of Troy,  
 Miller of Westminster,  
 Moore of Plymouth,  
 Moore of Pomfret,  
 Noonan,  
 O'Dowd,  
 O'Neil,  
 Osgood of Rutland,  
 Parker of Lowell,  
 Phillips,  
 Pike of Stratton,  
 Porter,  
 Preston,  
 Prouty,

Ralph,  
 Richardson,  
 Ricker,  
 Robinson of Bridgewater,  
 Robinson of Jamaica,  
 Rood,  
 Rublee,  
 Russell,  
 Ryan,  
 Seaver,  
 Sergeant,  
 Sinclair,  
 Spalding,  
 Stanton,  
 Stedman,  
 Steele,  
 Stiles,  
 Stoddard,  
 Stuart,  
 Sweeney,  
 Taylor of Derby,  
 Taylor of Greensboro,  
 Tenney,  
 Walter,  
 Warren,  
 Webster,  
 Wellinger,  
 West,  
 Whitford,  
 Whitney,  
 Williams of Pawlet,  
 Wright of Coventry,  
 Young.

## Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Aldrich,  
 Amidon,  
 Archer,  
 Bailey,  
 Becker,  
 Beers,  
 Bell,  
 Bentley,  
 Bix,  
 Bond,  
 Briggs,  
 Brown of Orwell,  
 Campbell of Belvidere,  
 Campbell of Sutton,  
 Candon,  
 Carpenter,  
 Casey,  
 Chessmore,  
 Cummings,  
 Cunningham,  
 Dalrymple,  
 Dillon,  
 Dunton,  
 Fenton,

Finney,  
 Fogg,  
 Gill,  
 Hayes,  
 Higgins of Woodford,  
 Hinds,  
 Hutchinson,  
 Ladd,  
 LaFleur,  
 Legate,  
 Leonard,  
 Martin of Winhall,  
 Meech,  
 Metzger,  
 Niles,  
 Miller of Hancock,  
 Miner,  
 Moore of Ludlow,  
 Mott,  
 O'Sullivan,  
 Osgood of Rockingham,  
 Parker of Bradford,  
 Pike of Stowe,  
 Pollard,



Potter,  
Puffer,  
Rawson,  
Roys,  
Shepard,  
Shores,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Stearns,

Trouville,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Waite of Weston,  
White,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on corporations and franchises, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 97. An act to amend the general corporation law;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 143. An act regulating the pay of municipal and city judges;

To the committee on minor courts.

S. 153. An act to amend section 6 and to repeal section 12 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to criminal and civil jurisdiction of municipal courts;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;

To the general committee.

S. 155. An act relating to the control and suppression of insect pests and fungus diseases of plants;

To the committee on agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Brownington, the House adjourned.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1917.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

Mr. Prouty of Newport offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 20.) *Whereas*, the House has heard with great regret of the death of the father of Harry A. Black, Clerk of the House, therefore be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the sympathy of this House is hereby extended to Mr. Black in his time of sorrow, and that the Assistant Clerks of the House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Black.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Reirden of Barton asked and had unanimous consent to introduce a bill, entitled

H. 465. An act to amend section 1169 of the General Laws relating to the employment of teachers;

Which was read the first time, whereupon, on the further motion of Mr. Reirden the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the House return to the possession of the Senate, agreeably to its request, House bill, entitled

H. 48. An act to amend section 7 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, relating to a declaration of party affiliation at primaries;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stearns, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 150. An act to provide for the publication of the General Laws;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and the third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.



A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 436. An act making appropriations for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations;

H. 452. An act to prohibit the granting of second class licenses while the United States is at war;

And has passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate recedes from its concurrence in House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And refuses to concur therein, and accedes to the request of the House for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses,

And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Morse,  
Taylor,  
Dunton.

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital.

Mr. Gates, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;



Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, and pending the second reading of the bill, Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the rules be suspended and the bill returned to the possession of the Senate agreeably to its request;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 155. An act relating to the control and suppression of insect pests and fungus diseases of plants;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry asked and had leave to propose an amendment,

In section 1, line 16, by striking out the word "nor" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *not*.

Which proposal of amendment was agreed to, and the bill was passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Mr. Cannon, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 147. An act relating to the sale of horses or draft animals unfit for work;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

In section 2, line 2, by striking out the word "other".

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 106, No 86);

And the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence?

It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 57. Nays, 150.



The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Robinson of Jamaica, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Bailey,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Belknap,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Buxton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chase,  
Chessmore,  
Clift,

Cook,  
Curtis,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Eden,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,  
Gill,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Haynes,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hill,  
Holbrook,  
Hooper,  
Howland,

Irish,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Lawson,  
McLam,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Metsger,  
O'Dowd,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Pirie,  
Ralph,  
Seaver,  
Shanley,  
Stuart,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Tenney,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wright of Coventry.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allbee,  
Allen of Vernon,  
Amidon,  
Andrews,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barber,  
Barrett,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Buck,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Carlton,  
Chamberlin,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Cheney,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Cudworth,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,  
Deyette,  
Dike,  
Drake,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Eaton,  
Field,  
Flint,

Gray,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Hemenway,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Hight,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
LaFleur,  
Lamb,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Miles,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
Noble,  
Noonan,  
O'Brien,  
O'Neil,  
O'Sullivan,  
Orcutt,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phelps,

Phillips,  
Pike of Stowe,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pollard,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Ranney,  
Reiriden,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Root,  
Roys,  
Ruble,  
Ryan,  
Sergeant,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Spalding,  
Stanton,  
Stearns,  
Stedman,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stoddard,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Trouville,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitford,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Wright of Waltham,  
Young.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Becker,  
Beers,  
Bell,  
Bentley,  
Bond,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Dunton,  
Fenton,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Hayes,  
Higgins of Woodford,

Hinds,  
Kimball,  
Ladd,  
Leonard,  
Lynaugh,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Mott,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Potter,  
Rawson,  
Russell,  
Shores,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Weston,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster.

Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers.

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 1. The husband, wife, child, father, mother or grandchild of a decedent, the wife or widow of a son or the husband of a daughter thereof, a child adopted during its minority by a decedent during his life under the laws of this state, a step-child of a decedent, a child of such adopted child or of such step-child, or other lineal descendants of a decedent who received from such decedent, in trust or otherwise, a legacy or distributive share consisting of or arising from property or an interest therein owned by such decedent at his decease and passing by will, the laws or descent or a decree of a court in this state, shall, except as otherwise provided, pay to the state a tax at the following rates:*

*On the excess on its value over ten thousand dollars and not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, at one per cent;*

*On the excess of its value over twenty-five thousand dollars and not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, at two per cent;*



*On the excess of its value over fifty thousand dollars, and not exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars, at four per cent;*

*On the excess of its value over two hundred fifty thousand dollars, at five per cent.*

*Sec. 2. The provisions of this act imposing a tax upon legacies or distributive shares passing to persons enumerated in the preceding section shall not apply to legacies or shares passing from the estates of persons who deceased prior to the date whereon this act takes effect.*

*Sec. 3. The two preceding sections shall be construed to be in addition to and forming a part of Chapter 38 of the Public Statutes (Chap. 48 of the General Laws, as proposed). Unless inconsistent with or repugnant to the context of this act, all provisions of said chapter 38 (Chap. 48 G. L.) and of all acts or parts of acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto shall be construed to apply to the taxes assessed in the first section of this act with the same force and effect as if such last named section were a part of said chapter.*

Was considered and concurred in.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 35.) Joint resolution fixing the time for final adjournment;

And has adopted the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.

As follows:



*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee of conference to which was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, No. 154, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the House concur in the Senate's first proposal of amendment.

*Second.* That the Senate recede from the Senate's third proposal of amendment.

W. H. FAIRCHILD,  
W. S. RICKER,  
MARTIN S. VILAS,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

ERNEST E. MOORE,  
JOSEPH T. STEARNS,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read, and pending the question, Will the House adopt the report of the committee of conference on its part?

Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the House adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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#### AFTERNOON.

House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Will the House adopt the report of the committee of conference on its part? It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 77. Nays, 134.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Adams of Westford, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Allen of Vernon,  
Andrews,  
Bailey,  
Baker,  
Baldwin,  
Barber,  
Bliss,  
Bronson,  
Brown of Berlin,  
Buck,  
Chapman of Concord,  
Chapman of Windham,  
Chase,  
Cheney,  
Chessmore,  
Cook,  
Cudworth,  
Drake,  
Dunham of Brattleboro,  
Dwinell,  
Eden,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fogg,  
Foley,  
Fullam,  
Gates,

Gray,  
Gridley,  
Hall of Woodbury,  
Hemenway,  
Holbrook,  
Hopkins,  
Hunt,  
Hutchinson,  
Jennison,  
Johnson of Huntington,  
Ladd,  
LaFleur,  
Metager,  
Miles,  
Miller of Troy,  
Miner,  
Moore of Ludlow,  
Moore of Plymouth,  
Moore of Pomfret,  
O'Brien,  
O'Sullivan,  
Osgood of Rockingham,  
Osgood of Rutland,  
Parker of Bradford,  
Parker of W. Rutland,  
Phelps,

Pike of Stowe,  
Porter,  
Preston,  
Prouty,  
Puffer,  
Reirden,  
Robinson of Bridgewater,  
Ruble,  
Smith of Brownington,  
Smith of St. Albans City,  
Spalding,  
Stearns,  
Steele,  
Stiles,  
Stuart,  
Sweeney,  
Taylor of Derby,  
Taylor of Tinmouth,  
Waite of Shoreham,  
Webster,  
Wellinger,  
Whitford,  
Williams of Proctor,  
Wilson of Bristol,  
Young.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Adams of West Haven,  
Aiken,  
Aldrich,  
Allen of Wolcott,  
Amidon,  
Archer,  
Atwood,  
Austin,  
Ayer,  
Ball of Maidstone,  
Ball of Newark,  
Barrett,  
Bates,  
Beard,  
Bellows of Cambridge,  
Bellows of Swanton,  
Bix,  
Blanchard,  
Bond,  
Briggs,  
Brooks,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Brown of Peru,  
Bryant,  
Bucklin,  
Burroughs,  
Button,  
Buxton,  
Campbell of Sutton,  
Candon,  
Cannon,  
Carlton,  
Carpenter,  
Casey,  
Chamberlin,  
Clift,  
Coburn of E. Montpelier,  
Coburn of Jay,  
Collins,  
Cox,  
Curtis,  
Dana,  
Day,  
Demick,

Deyette,  
Dike,  
Dunbar,  
Dunham of Athens,  
Dunn,  
Eaton,  
Field,  
Finnegan,  
Finney,  
Flint,  
Gill,  
Hale,  
Hall of Elmore,  
Hall of Isle La Motte,  
Hardy,  
Hayden,  
Haynes,  
Hemingway,  
Hicks,  
Higgins of Arlington,  
Hight,  
Hill,  
Hooper,  
Howe,  
Howland,  
Irish,  
Johnson of Craftsbury,  
Johnson of Somerset,  
Johnson of Wardsboro,  
Kelly,  
Kimball,  
King,  
Kingsbury,  
Lamb,  
Lawson,  
Leach,  
Legate,  
McCray,  
McLaughlin,  
Martin of Westfield,  
Martin of Winhall,  
Matot,  
Meech,  
Merrifield,  
Noble,

Noonan,  
O'Dowd,  
O'Neil,  
Orcutt,  
Parker of Lowell,  
Parsons,  
Perkins of Plainfield,  
Perkins of Waterbury,  
Perrin,  
Phillips,  
Pike of Stratton,  
Pirie,  
Pollard,  
Ralph,  
Ranney,  
Richardson,  
Ricker,  
Robinson of Jamaica,  
Rood,  
Roys,  
Russell,  
Ryan,  
Seaver,  
Sergeant,  
Shanley,  
Shepard,  
Sinclair,  
Smalley,  
Stanton,  
Stedman,  
Taggart,  
Taylor of Greensboro,  
Tenney,  
Trouville,  
Walker,  
Walter,  
Warren,  
West,  
Wheeler,  
White,  
Whitney,  
Williams of Pawlet,  
Wright of Coventry,  
Wright of Waltham.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Allbee,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bentley,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Dunton,  
Fenton,  
Hayes,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,

Leonard,  
Lynaugh,  
McLam,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Mott,  
Potter,  
Rawson,  
Root,  
Shores,  
Stoddard,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Weston,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster.

Mr. Howland of Barre City moved that the House adhere to its nonconcurrence in the first and third Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.

And request the Senate for a further committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and the Speaker appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Howland of Barre City,  
Merrifield of Grafton,  
Cudworth of Londonderry.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, to which was referred House bill, No. 402,



respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend that the Senate recede from its proposals of amendment, and that the bill be amended,

*First.* In section 4, line 8, by striking out the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *ten and one-half*.

*Second.* In the same section, line 9, by striking out the compound word "fifty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *fifty-six*.

A. LEE CADY,  
C. H. BIGELOW,  
C. H. DUNTON,  
*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

FRANK G. HOWLAND,  
IRA H. LaFLEUR,  
FRASER METZGER.  
*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 153. An act to amend section 6 and repeal section 12 of No. 91 of the Acts of 1915, relating to criminal and civil jurisdiction of municipal courts;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence, and the question being, Shall the bill be rejected? It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Austin of Reading moved that the calendar rule of the House be suspended for the remainder of the afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Senate proposal of amendment to joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 35.) Joint resolution fixing the time for final adjournment.

In lines 3 and 4, by striking out the words and figures "Saturday, April 7, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures *Thursday, April 12, 1917, at twelve o'clock noon*.

Was considered and concurred in.



Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 436. An act making appropriations for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations.

*First.* In section 9, line 1, by striking out the figures "11,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 10,000.

*Second.* In section 11, line 1, by striking out the figures "11,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 10,000.

*Third.* In section 13, line 1, by striking out the figures "6,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 5,500.

*Fourth.* In section 14, line 1, by striking out the figures "10,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 8,000.

*Fifth.* In section 22, line 3, by striking out the figures "20,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 15,000.

*Sixth.* In the same section, line 5, by striking out the figures "40,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 30,000.

*Seventh.* In section 28, line 2, by striking out the figures "50,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 45,000.

*Eighth.* In section 30, line 2, by striking out the figures "260,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 250,000.

*Ninth.* In section 34, line 1, by striking out the figures "7,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 5,000.

*Tenth.* In section 60, line 1, by striking out the figures "6,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 12,000.

*Eleventh.* In section 63, by striking out all of said section.

*Twelfth.* In section 65, by striking out all of said section.

*Thirteenth.* In section 85, line 1, by striking out the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three*.

*Fourteenth.* In section 87, by striking out all of said section.



A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 436. An act making appropriations for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations;

H. 452. An act to prohibit the granting of second class licenses while the United States is at war;

And has passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate recedes from its concurrence in House proposals of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

And refuses to concur therein, and accedes to the request of the House for a committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses,

And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Morse,  
Taylor,  
Dunton.

I am directed by the Senate to request the House to return to the custody of the Senate, Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital.

Mr. Gates, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;



Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, and pending the second reading of the bill, Mr. Williams of Proctor moved that the rules be suspended and the bill returned to the possession of the Senate agreeably to its request;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Spalding, from the committee on agriculture, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 155. An act relating to the control and suppression of insect pests and fungus diseases of plants;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the bill was read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry asked and had leave to propose an amendment,

In section 1, line 16, by striking out the word "nor" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *not*.

Which proposal of amendment was agreed to, and the bill was passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Mr. Cannon, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 147. An act relating to the sale of horses or draft animals unfit for work;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

In section 2, line 2, by striking out the word "other".

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? It was decided in the affirmative. (On a division: Yes 106, No 86);

And the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence?

It was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 57. Nays, 150.



Those members absent and not voting are Messrs.:

Adams of Westford,  
Allbee,  
Bailey,  
Becker,  
Beers,  
Belknap,  
Bell,  
Bentley,  
Briggs,  
Brown of Orwell,  
Campbell of Belvidere,  
Chessmore,  
Cook,  
Cummings,  
Cunnington,  
Dalrymple,  
Dillon,  
Dunton,  
Fenton,  
Hall of Isle LaMotte,

Hayes,  
Higgins of Woodford,  
Hinds,  
Leonard,  
Lynaugh,  
McLam,  
Meech,  
Miller of Hancock,  
Miller of Westminster,  
Mott,  
Rawson,  
Russell,  
Shores,  
Smalley,  
Stanton,  
Stoddard,  
Tuttle,  
Waite of Weston,  
Wilson of Pownal,  
Wooster.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 158. An act relating to workmen's compensation;

S. 159. An act making an additional appropriation for the expenses of the legislature of 1917;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 155. An act to amend section 4057 of the Public Statutes changing the weight which a wagon or carriage may carry on the public highways, and to amend section 4058 of the Public Statutes, increasing the penalty for a violation of section 4057;

H. 451. An act to provide for the payment of fines and costs collected for violations of the automobile law and fish and game law into the state treasury, and to provide for the payment of the costs taxed, by the State;



H. 454. An act to enable the State of Vermont to issue bonds for the purposes therein named;

H. 460. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 16, 1917, entitled "An Act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby";

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 25.) Joint resolution providing for the appointment by the Governor of a commission to consider the matter of a public barge terminal at the port of Burlington;

(J. R. S. 27.) Joint resolution to pay Ida Calcagni the sum therein named;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested;

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 417. An act regulating disputes between employer and employee;

And has rejected the same.

It has considered reports of committees of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bills, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;



S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate; increasing such husband's interest;

S. 140. An act to reorganize the state board of health;  
And has severally adopted the same on its part.

It has considered the reports of the committees of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bills, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof;

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses;

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;

And has adopted the same on its part.

Joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 25.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:*

*Whereas*, this State recognizes in its trade relations with other states and the Dominion of Canada the economic utility of transportation of freight by means of canals and the neutral waterways; and—

*Whereas*, the State of New York has enlarged and improved its canals, including the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Canal, so that there is now open from this lake a system of canals and natural waterways to the business centers on the Great Lakes, suitable for large freight carrying barges, and—

*Whereas*, we believe the people of Vermont would greatly be benefitted in having a continuous inner water route from some port on Lake Champlain to the western states, and eventually improved facilities by water transportation with the Dominion of Canada via Richilieu and St. Lawrence Rivers;



*Therefore, resolved* that the Governor is hereby authorized and directed to appoint and commission during the month of June, 1917, five persons of well known and acknowledged business ability, whose duty shall be to consider the need of a public water barge terminal on Lake Champlain and the practicability of the state building and maintaining such a terminal at the port of Burlington.

Said commission is directed to make full report to the Governor by December 1st, 1918, and at such other times as they may be required by him, with such recommendations to the next legislature as they shall think may be of use to the State in connection with such proposed enterprise. Such persons shall serve without pay, but their expenses shall be paid by the State and the auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw his order to pay such expenses upon presentation to him of proper vouchers approved by the Governor.

Was read and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

Joint resolution from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 27.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw an order in favor of Ida Calcagni of Montpelier for the sum of six dollars, it being for work performed for the budget committee during the present session.

Was read and referred to the committee on claims.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 158. An act relating to workmen's compensation;

To the committee on judiciary.

S. 159. An act making an additional appropriation for the expenses of the legislature of 1917;

To the committee on appropriations.

At four o'clock and fifteen minutes, Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the House take a recess for thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.



The recess having expired the Speaker resumed the chair, and laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, to which was referred Senate bill, No. 132, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend that the House recede from its first and third proposals of amendment.

MELVIN G. MORSE,  
H. E. TAYLOR,  
C. H. DUNTON,  
*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

PHILIP M. M. PHELPS,  
PARK H. POLLARD,  
WILLIAM A. ROOT,  
*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference to whom was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposal of



amendment to House bill No. 126, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment.

*Second.* That a new section be added to be numbered section 2, to read as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect August 1, 1917.*

DONLY C. HAWLEY,  
CHARLES H. BIGELOW,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

JOHN H. HICKS,  
ERNEST E. MOORE,  
WELLS C. PORTER,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property.

*First.* By striking out all of section 2 after the word "Convention" in line 19 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*The avails of said property so transferred shall be held in trust and added to the permanent fund of said Convention and the income thereof employed for its usual work until a local Baptist Church is again organized in the same neighborhood, when the income shall be used to aid such local Church as needed.*

*Second.* By inserting after the last word "society" in section 3, line 28, the following:

*But no such order of transfer shall be made if objected to by five or more members of such Church, Church and Society or Society.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Mr. Cheney, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled



(J. R. S. 25.) Joint resolution providing for the appointment by the Governor of a commission to consider the matter of a public barge terminal at the port of Burlington:

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. LaFleur, from the committee on claims, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 27.) Joint resolution to pay Ida Calcagni the sum therein named;

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Steele, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 158. An act relating to workmen's compensation;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on appropriations, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 159. An act making an additional appropriation for the expenses of the legislature of 1917;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow called up House bill, entitled

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a state tax.

And pending the recurring question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Moore of Ludlow asked and had leave to propose the following amendments:



*First.* In section 1, lines 1 and 4, by inserting the word *twenty* in the blank space after the word "of" in each of said lines.

*Second.* In section 5, by striking out all after the word and figure "Sec. 5" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*One-half of moneys received by the state treasurer under this act in each of the years hereinbefore mentioned shall be used to retire obligations entered into by the State or to pay bills contracted by the State, under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of 1917 entitled "An Act to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof", approved March 31, 1917, which said act appropriated one million dollars for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof.*

*Third.* By inserting a new section to be numbered section 6, as follows:

*Sec. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Which amendments were severally agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? It was decided in the affirmative.

Two-thirds of the members elected were present on the passage of this bill.

Mr. Merrifield, from the committee on minor courts, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 143. An act regulating the pay of municipal and city judges;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

At six o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Matot of Poultney moved that the House take a recess until seven o'clock and forty-five minutes in the evening;

Which was agreed to.



## EVENING.

The recess having expired, the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has again passed Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 155. An act relating to the control and suppression of insect pests and fungus diseases of plants;

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has acceded to the request of the House for another committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.

And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Peck,  
Fairchild,  
Morse.

The Senate has acceded to the request of the House for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 436. An act making appropriations for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations.



And the President has appointed as the members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Taylor,  
Bigelow,  
Wheeler.

The Senate has receded from its proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 452. An act to prohibit the granting of second class licenses while the United States is at war.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;

Was again read the first time and referred to the general committee.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 436. An act making appropriations for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The committee of conference to which was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill No. 436, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend,

*First.* That the Senate recede from its fourth, eighth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth proposals of amendment.

*Second.* That the House concur in the sixteenth Senate proposal of amendment.



*Third.* That the last section of the bill be amended by changing the section numbers therein mentioned to correspond with the bill as renumbered.

H. E. TAYLOR,  
C. H. BIGELOW,  
H. H. WHEELER,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

J. GREGORY SMITH,  
H. E. PARKER,  
V. L. PERKINS,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the eleventh day of April he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 288. An act to amend section 6210 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 6 of No. 178 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables; changing the mileage allowed for service of process to the number of miles actually traveled by sheriff;

H. 291. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 263 of the Acts of 1910 as amended by sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 282 of the Acts of 1912, relating to State aid for indigent veterans: providing aid for wives of indigent veterans;

H. 295. An act to amend section 3 of No. 167 of the Acts of 1894, relating to the electric light plant of the village of Barton, and to extend the powers of said village in respect thereto;

H. 352. An act granting to John H. Lutz of Grand Isle, Vermont, and Clarence A. Lutz and William H. Lutz of the State of New York, a ferry across Lake Champlain, between Grand Isle and Gravelly Point Cumberland Head, New York;



H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes as amended relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways;

H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 8 of the Acts of 1912, relating to assisting clerks; providing a penalty for failure to perform service;

H. 395. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

H. 406. An act to amend section 4950 of the Public Statutes, relating to the contents of creamery statements, and to repeal sections 4951 and 4952 as amended by No. 178 of the Acts of 1912;

H. 422. An act relating to orders drawn by town road commissioners;

H. 426. An act to amend section 3 of No. 166 of the Acts of 1910, defining the duties of the commissioner of agriculture as relating to creameries, cheese factories, condensaries and receiving stations for milk and cream, and relating to reports from the same to said commissioner;

H. 450. An act to grant certain powers to the village of Johnson relating to the construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks and the making of by-laws;

H. 453. An act relating to the inspection of licensed premises;

H. 455. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington;

H. 456. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust;

H. 457. An act to provide that the state treasurer may appoint a deputy state treasurer and a deputy state commissioner of weights and measures;

H. 458. An act relating to traffic regulations and the erection of warning signs near schoolhouses;

H. 459. An act to authorize the attorney general to proceed against foreign corporations doing business within this State without lawful authority;



H. 462. An act to amend No. 278 of the Acts of 1906, entitled "An Act to incorporate the village of Newfane";

H. 463. An act to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to deed certain lands of the State.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 160. An act to authorize the commissioner of industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws while the United States is at war;

S. 161. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 465. An act to amend section 1169 of the General Laws, relating to the employment of teachers;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions, of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 28.) Joint resolution to pay Gertrude Leonard the sum therein named;

(J. R. S. 29.) Joint resolution providing that the rules and manual shall be sent members of the next General Assembly before the session thereof.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 160. An act to authorize the commissioner of industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws while the United States is at war;

To the committee on commerce and labor.



S. 161. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

To the general committee.

Mr. Gates, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, with the proposal of amendment.

In section 1, line 7, after the word "general" by inserting the words *public service commission*.

The bill was read the second time, the proposal of amendment agreed to and the third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Joint resolution from the Senate, as follows:

(J. R. S. 28.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw an order in favor of Gertrude Leonard for the sum of five dollars, it being for stenographic and clerical work done for the committee on suffrage and elections;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 29.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That as soon as may be after the election of the next General Assembly the legislative reference librarian be directed to prepare and have printed under the direction of the purchasing agent a pamphlet containing the rules of the two Houses, and the official "Manual of Parliamentary Practice" with proper index and notes. A copy of such pamphlet shall be sent by him to the members-elect of the Houses, at least fifteen days before the meeting of the next General Assembly;

Was read and referred to the committee on State and court expenses.



Mr. Warren, from the committee on state and court expenses, to which had been referred joint resolutions from the Senate, entitled

(J. R. S. 28.) Joint resolution to pay Gertrude Leonard the sum therein named;

(J. R. S. 29.) Joint resolution providing that the rules and manual be sent to members of the next General Assembly before the session thereof.

Reported in favor of their adoption in concurrence, severally read the second time and their third reading ordered;

Read the third time and severally adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Button, from the committee on commerce and labor, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 160. An act to authorize the commissioner of industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws while the United States is at war;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, read the second time and its third reading ordered;

Read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Bates, from the general committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 161. An act to provide for the regulation of real estate business by the licensing of real estate brokers;

Reported adversely to its passage in concurrence and the bill was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds;

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a state tax:



H. 464. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917 entitled "An act to provide for a rate of taxation on bonds and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915" approved March 30, 1917, omitting from taxation stocks held by a trustee;

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 315. An act to appropriate the sum therein named for the purpose of relocating and building a new road or improving an existing piece of State road in the town of East Montpelier;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the ninth day of April he approved and signed bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 152. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to create a board of control", approved March 21, 1917.

And on the tenth day of April he approved and signed the following:

S. 111. An act in amendment of and in addition to No. 18 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the suppression of fungus diseases of plants.

And on the eleventh day of April he approved and signed the following:

(J. R. S. 18.) Joint resolution providing for printing the proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society;

S. 97. An act to amend the general corporation law;

S. 142. An act to amend section 3725 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 143 of the Acts of 1912, relating to pay for the care of insane supported by the State at the Brattleboro Retreat;



S. 145. An act in addition to No. 243 of the Acts of 1904, relating to the village of Springfield;

S. 146. An act entitled "the General Laws of Vermont, 1917";

S. 148. An act relating to the improvement of property of cemetery corporations;

S. 149. An act to amend sections 175, 176 and 177 of No. 64 of the Acts of 1915, relating to the consolidated school fund, and section 1 of No. 40 of the Acts of 1908 as amended by section 1 of No. 74 of the Acts of 1912, relating to vocational education;

S. 150. An act to provide for the publication of the General Laws;

S. 151. An act to authorize the public service commission to determine at what clearance above the rails the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad bridge next south of Norwich Station shall be built or repaired.

And that on the eleventh day of April he approved and signed bills and joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 25.) Joint resolution providing for the appointment by the Governor of a commission to consider the matter of a public barge terminal at the port of Burlington;

(J. R. S. 27.) Joint resolution to pay Ida Calcagni the sum therein named;

S. 57. An act granting to Elisha N. Goodsell a ferry across Lake Champlain between Grand Isle and Cumberland Head;

S. 132. An act to establish a board of charities and probation, to amend certain sections relating to probation; and to amend certain sections of the juvenile court act and to abolish the probation commission;

S. 134. An act to amend section 2921 of the Public Statutes, relating to a widow's interest in her husband's real estate: increasing such widow's interest;

S. 136. An act to amend section 2934 of the Public Statutes, relating to a husband's interest in his deceased wife's real estate: increasing such husband's interest;



S. 158. An act relating to workmen's compensation;

S. 159. An act making an additional appropriation for the expenses of the Legislature of 1917.

Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved that the rules be suspended and that when the House adjourns it be to meet again tomorrow morning at eight o'clock;

Which was disagreed to (On a division: Yes 84, No 69.)

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds.

*First.* By striking out all of the first sixteen sections.

*Second.* In section 19, lines 20 and 21, by striking out the words "substantially the form herein provided for ballots for county bonds" and inserting in lieu thereof *in the following form:*

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| <p>(1) Shall the following public improvements, viz.: (stating them) be made?</p>   | <p><i>If in favor of the improvements make a cross (X) in this column.</i></p> | <p><i>If opposed to the improvements make a cross (X) in this column.</i></p> |
| <p>(2) Shall bonds of the county to the amount of \$ . . . . . bearing interest at not to exceed . . . . . per centum, be issued for the purpose of paying for the above described public improvements?</p> | <p><i>If in favor of the bond issue make a cross (X) in this column.</i></p>   | <p><i>If opposed to the bond issue make a cross (X) in this column.</i></p>   |

*Third.* In section 36, line 1, by striking out the words "county or" and in the same section, line 3, by striking out the words "county or".

In section 37, line 1, by striking out the words "county or".



In section 38, line 1, by striking out the words "county or" and in the same section, line 3, by striking out the words "Assistant judges of the county or".

In the same section, line 5, by striking out the words "county or of such".

In section 39, line 1, by striking out the words "county or" and in the same section, lines 6 and 7, by striking out the words "assistant judges of the county".

In section 41, line 4, by striking out the words "county or".

In section 42, line 2, by striking out the words "county or".

*Fourth.* In section 44 (House amendment) by inserting at the beginning of such section the following:

*Notes, bonds or orders issued as evidences of obligations for money loaned to a county, town, town school district, village or incorporated school or fire district of this State shall be deducted in determining the average amount of deposits and accumulation under the provisions of section 1, of No. 35 of the Acts of 1910.*

Were considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 464. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for a rate of taxation on bonds and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915" approved March 30, 1917, omitting from taxation stocks held by a trustee.

*First.* In section 1, line 19, by striking out the words "who created the trust" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *out of whose estate the trust was created.*

*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 2, as follows:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.



The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled.

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof.

As follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Your committee of conference to which was referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, No. 154, respectfully report that they have considered the same and are unable to agree.

A majority of the Senate committee of conference insisted upon the concurrence of the House in the Senate's first proposal of amendment.

The committee on the part of the House with a minority of the Senate committee insisted that the Senate recede from the Senate's first proposal of amendment.

The full committee unanimously recommend that the Senate recede from the Senate's third proposal of amendment;

And the committee prays that it may be discharged from further consideration of the bill.

HAMILTON S. PECK,  
W. H. FAIRCHILD,  
MELVIN G. MORSE,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

• FRANK G. HOWLAND,  
FRED O. MERRIFIELD,  
ADDISON E. CUDWORTH,

*Committee on the part of the House.*

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Bliss of Georgia moved that the rules be suspended and that when the House adjourns it be to meet tomorrow morning at eight o'clock and thirty minutes;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Georgia, the House adjourned.



THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1917.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bill, entitled

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States geological survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 423. An act to repeal No. 298 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act in addition to subdivision 24 of section 25 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 293 of the Acts of 1910, entitled 'An act to incorporate a city and a town of St. Albans'";

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 30.) Joint resolution for joint assembly for the election of superior judges;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;

And has concurred thereon.



The Senate has considered the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

H. 154. An act relating to the supreme and county courts and judges thereof;

And has accepted and adopted such report and has again refused to recede from its first proposal of amendment.

It has passed a bill, entitled

S. 34. An act relating to county courts;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

It has considered House bill, entitled

H. 324. An act giving the public service commission authority to require a street railway company to extend its tracks and appurtenances;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

It has considered the reports of the committees of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bills of the following titles:

H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

H. 436. An act making appropriations for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations;

And has severally adopted the same on its part.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 30.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, April 12, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to elect six superior judges;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.



Senate proposal of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States geological survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont.

In section 3, line 2, by striking out the words "twenty-five hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *three thousand*.

Was considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 423. An act to repeal No. 298 of the Acts of 1912, entitled "An act in addition to subdivision 24 of section 25 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 293 of the Acts of 1910, entitled 'An act to incorporate a city and a town of St. Albans'".

*First.* By striking out all of section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Sec. 2. This act shall take effect when ratified by the voters of the City of St. Albans at their next annual City meeting or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose to take action thereon. An article therefor shall be inserted in the warning for any such meeting.*

*Second.* By adding a new section to be numbered section 3 to read as follows:

*Sec. 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect from its passage.*

Were severally considered and concurred in.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a state tax.

*First.* In section 1, line 1, by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the compound word *twenty-five*.

*Second.* In section 5, by striking out the following: "one-half of moneys received by the state treasurer under this act in each of the years hereinbefore mentioned" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:



*Two fifths of the moneys received by the state treasurer under this act in the year 1917 and one-half of the moneys received by the state treasurer in the year 1918.*

*Third.* In section 6, by striking out all after the word and figure "Sec. 6" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*All moneys derived from the sale of agricultural products and live stock produced at any state institution are hereby appropriated for the institution producing the same. Such moneys may be expended as the board of control directs.*

*Fourth.* By inserting a new section as section 7, which shall read as follows:

*Sec. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage.*

And it having been determined that 192 of the members elected were present, the Senate proposals of amendment were considered and the third and fourth thereof concurred in and the first and second non-concurred in.

*Joint Assembly.*

At ten o'clock, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

STATE OF VERMONT.

OFFICE OF SPEAKER.

*To the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to hereby resign as Speaker of the House, such resignation to take effect upon the election and qualification of my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. WILSON.

Montpelier, Vt., April 12, 1917.



Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved that the House proceed at this time to elect a Speaker of the House of Representatives in place of Stanley C. Wilson, resigned;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cheney of Albany presented the name of William W. Reirden of Barton.

Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury presented the name of Charles S. Dana of New Haven.

The ballots having been taken and counted by tellers it appeared that Charles S. Dana had 141 votes, William W. Reirden 65 votes and Addison E. Cudworth of Londonderry had 2 votes;

Therefore the Speaker declared that

CHARLES S. DANA,

the representative from the town of New Haven, having a majority of the votes cast, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the biennial term.

Whereupon, Mr. Gridley of Windsor, moved that the election be made unanimous;

Which was agreed to;

Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury and Mr. Cheney of Albany were appointed a committee to wait upon the Speaker-elect, inform him of his election and conduct him to the bar of the House to receive the oath of office.

The committee performed the duty assigned them, the oath of office was administered by the Speaker, the Speaker elected assumed the chair and directed the attention of the House to the matters then pending before it.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has receded from its first and second proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a state tax.



Senate bill, entitled

S. 34. An act relating to county courts and appeals to supreme court;

Was read the first time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the calendar rule be suspended for the remainder of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 34. An act relating to county courts and appeals to supreme court;

Reported the same without recommendation;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the second time? It was decided in the negative.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the eleventh day of April he approved and signed a joint resolution originating in the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 34.) Joint resolution relating to the H. C. Copeland gift.

And on the twelfth day of April he approved and signed a joint resolution and bills originating in the House of the following titles:

(J. R. H. 35.) Joint resolution fixing the time for final adjournment;

H. 155. An act to amend section 4057 of the Public Statutes changing the weight which a wagon or carriage may carry on the public highways, and to amend section 4058 of the Public Statutes, increasing the penalty for a violation of section 4057;



H. 166. An act to amend section 1358 of the Public Statutes as amended by section 1 of No. 60 of the Acts of 1908, section 1 of No. 79 of the Acts of 1910 and section 1 of No. 80 of the Acts of 1910, relating to the terms of county courts;

H. 262. An act regulating the issuance of municipal bonds;

H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property;

H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the Acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks: extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities;

H. 387. An act to amend No. 164 of the Acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries;

H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes as amended by No. 182 of the Acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses;

H. 402. An act in amendment of and in addition to and to repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes and of the Session Laws of 1908, 1910 and 1912, relating to the hours of employment of women and children;

H. 423. An act to repeal No. 298 of the Acts of 1912 entitled "An act in addition to subdivision 24 of section 25 of No. 150 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by No. 293 of the Acts of 1910, entitled 'An act to incorporate a city and a town of St. Albans' ",

H. 431. An act in addition to chapter 38 of the Public Statutes, relating to the taxation of inheritances and taxable transfers.

H. 451. An act to provide for the payment of fines and costs collected for violations of the automobile law and fish and game law into the state treasury, and to provide for the payment of the costs taxed, by the State;

H. 454. An act to enable the State of Vermont to issue bonds for the purposes therein named;



H. 460. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, approved March 16, 1917, entitled "An Act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby;

H. 461. An act to provide for the assessment of a state tax;

H. 464. An act to amend an act of the General Assembly of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for a rate of taxation on bonds and notes held by trustees acting under order of court and to repeal section 2 of No. 57 of the Acts of 1915" approved March 30, 1917, omitting from taxation stocks held by a trustee;

H. 436. An act making an appropriation for the support of government and providing for certain special appropriations.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary as follows:

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the twelfth day of April he approved and signed bills and joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 30.) Joint resolution for joint assembly for the election of superior judges;

(J. R. S. 28.) Joint resolution to pay Gertrude Leonard the sum therein named;

(J. R. S. 29.) Joint resolution providing that the rules and manual shall be sent members of the next General Assembly before the session thereof;

S. 154. An act to require officers and commissioners to have their offices at the state capital;

S. 155. An act relating to the control and suppression of insect pests and fungus diseases of plants;

S. 160. An act to authorize the commissioner of industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws while the United States is at war.



Mr. Reirden of Barton offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 21.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* that a committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the House has, on its part, completed the business of the Session, and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker appointed as a committee to give such information to His Excellency, the Governor,

Mr. Reirden of Barton,  
O'Sullivan of Colchester.

The committee performed the duty assigned them and reported that the Governor would communicate with the House in writing.

Mr. Hunt of Danville offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 22.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the Clerk is hereby instructed to inform the Honorable Senate that the House has, on its part, completed the business of the Session, and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was read and adopted.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Page, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on its part completed the business of the Session and is ready to adjourn without day.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has received the communication of the House, that they have on their part finished the busi-



ness of the Session, and that he has no further communication to make.

At twelve o'clock, noon, Thursday, April 12, 1917, in accordance with the joint resolution so directing, the Speaker declared the House of Representatives adjourned without day.

HARRY A. BLACK,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true journal of the proceedings of the House of Representatives of the State of Vermont, for the 24th biennial session thereof, beginning on the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1917.

HARRY A. BLACK,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

State House,  
Montpelier, Vermont,  
April 12, 1917.







**Appendix**

**List of Members**

**AND**

**Committees**

**OF THE**

**House of Representatives**

**For the Year 1917**

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Prepared by HARRY A. BLACK,

*Clerk of the House.*







# List of Members of the House.

Arranged by Counties.

Hon. STANLEY C. WILSON, *Speaker*.

## ADDISON COUNTY.

Addison.....	Ezra W. Whitford,
Bridport.....	Romaine L. Hemenway,
Bristol.....	Myron W. Wilson,
Cornwall.....	J. Howard Atwood,
Ferrisburg.....	Stephen E. Noonan,
Goshen.....	Fay H. Chamberlin,
Granville.....	Alstine A. Briggs,
Hancock.....	Arthur L. Miller,
Leicester.....	Frank C. Ayer,
Lincoln.....	Lester A. Bryant,
Middlebury.....	Ira H. LaFleur,
Monkton.....	Daniel E. Meech,
New Haven.....	Charles S. Dana,
Orwell.....	Rollin C. Brown,
Panton.....	Walter R. White,
Ripton.....	John F. Stoddard,
Salisbury.....	Paul S. Field,
Shoreham.....	Pliny W. Waite,
Starksboro.....	John W. Dike,
Vergennes.....	Frank W. Tuttle,
Waltham.....	Alanson G. Wright,
Weybridge.....	Charles M. Baker,
Whiting.....	Fred C. Rawson.

## BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Arlington.....	Thomas Higgins,
Bennington.....	William A. Root,
Dorset.....	Michael F. Kelly,
Glastenbury.....	Charles A. Becker,
Landgrove.....	Benjamin W. Beers,
†Manchester.....	William H. Bundy,
Peru.....	Asa Brown,
Pownal.....	Frank A. Wilson,

†Deceased Feb. 27, 1917.



Readsboro.....	Henry E. Blanchard,
Rupert.....	Charles G. Leach,
Sandgate.....	Harry L. Hayes,
Searsburgh.....	George J. Bond,
Shaftsbury.....	Grant Bronson,
Stamford.....	Arthur E. Dunn,
Sunderland.....	Alfred E. Bentley,
Winhall.....	Lucius P. Martin,
Woodford.....	Raymond A. Higgins.

### CALEDONIA COUNTY.

†Barnet.....	Leslie H. Thornton,
Burke.....	Frank H. Orcutt,
Danville.....	Eugene W. Hunt,
Groton.....	Harry M. Ricker,
Hardwick.....	Richard S. Hooper,
Kirby.....	James E. Warren,
Lyndon.....	Charles L. Stuart,
Newark.....	Coryden E. Ball,
Peacham.....	George W. Esden,
Ryegate.....	John A. McLam,
St. Johnsbury.....	Charles N. Whitney,
Sheffield.....	Arthur J. Dunton,
Stannard.....	Frank E. Burroughs,
Sutton.....	Willie I. Campbell.
Walden.....	F. Elmer Cox,
Waterford.....	Charles L. Hemingway,
Wheelock.....	Samuel W. Drake.

### CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Bolton.....	Daniel J. Hayden,
Burlington.....	Joseph T. Stearns,
Charlotte.....	John R. Taggart,
Colchester.....	Daniel E. O'Sullivan,
Essex.....	Hammond W. Sinclair,
Hinesburgh.....	Mitchell J. Finney,
Huntington.....	Truman W. Johnson,
Jericho.....	George H. Hutchinson,
Milton.....	Charles J. King,
Richmond.....	Frank Harding Chessmore,
St. George.....	Lawrence Wellinger,
Shelburne.....	Walter M. Webster,
South Burlington.....	Daniel O'Brien,
Underhill.....	Allston L. Fogg,
Westford.....	Frank B. Adams,
Williston.....	George F. Irish.

†Not seated. See page 113.



## ESSEX COUNTY.

Bloomfield.....	John C. Stanton,
Brighton.....	John S. Sweeney,
Brunswick.....	James O'Dowd,
Canaan.....	Fred C. Carlton,
Concord.....	John G. Chapman,
East Haven.....	Elmer N. Walter,
Granby.....	Arthur W. Shores,
Guildhall.....	Joseph N. Hardy,
Lemington.....	Harold A. Holbrook,
Lunenburg.....	George C. Bell,
Maidstone.....	Perley A. Ball,
Norton.....	John Cunningham,
Victory.....	Arthur Lynaugh.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Bakersfield.....	Peter E. Shanley,
Berkshire.....	William S. Rublee,
Enosburgh.....	William B. Ladd,
Fairfax.....	Thomas F. Ryan,
Fairfield.....	Perry Chase,
Fletcher.....	Olney S. Carpenter,
Franklin.....	Arthur H. Gates,
Georgia.....	Fred W. Bliss,
Highgate.....	Daniel W. Steele,
Montgomery.....	Cortis M. Foley,
Richford.....	Henry A. Puffer,
St. Albans, City of.....	J. Gregory Smith,
St. Albans, Town of.....	Jay T. Button,
Sheldon.....	Theodore C. Jennison,
Swanton.....	Arthur B. Bellows.

## GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

Alburg.....	Micajah T. Mott,
Grand Isle.....	Charles H. Russell,
Isle La Motte.....	Allen M. Hall,
North Hero.....	Howard J. O'Neil,
South Hero.....	Frank Trouville.

## LAMOILLE COUNTY.

Belvidere.....	Edwin S. Campbell,
Cambridge.....	Charles L. Bellows,
Eden.....	Geo. H. Hinds,
Elmore.....	Henry E. Hall,



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Hyde Park.....	Dennis C. Finnegan,
Johnson.....	Harry O. Stiles,
Morristown.....	Elmer A. Smalley,
Stowe.....	Harry E. Pike,
Waterville.....	George H. Beard,
Wolcott.....	Geo. T. Allen.

### ORANGE COUNTY.

Bradford.....	Harry E. Parker,
Braintree.....	Herbert F. Flint,
Brookfield.....	Fred O. Ralph,
Chelsea.....	Stanley C. Wilson,
Corinth.....	Frank J. Eaton,
Fairlee.....	Lee C. Andrews,
Newbury.....	Warren W. Bailey, Sr.,
Orange.....	Frank Haynes,
Randolph.....	Fraser Metzger,
Strafford.....	Fred W. Preston,
Thetford.....	Charles C. Cook,
Topsham.....	Chester H. Hight,
Tunbridge.....	Will T. Noble,
Vershire.....	Melvin B. West,
Washington.....	Leo W. Seaver,
West Fairlee.....	Hiram A. Kingsbury,
Williamstown.....	James K. Pirie.

### ORLEANS COUNTY.

Albany.....	Arthur C. Cheney,
Barton.....	Wm. W. Reirden,
Brownington.....	Thomas Smith,
Charleston.....	John B. Buck,
Coventry.....	Homer Wright,
Craftsbury.....	Martin B. Johnson,
Derby.....	Wilbur M. Taylor,
Glover.....	Orrin G. Miles,
Greensboro.....	George W. Taylor,
Holland.....	Henry W. Demick,
Irasburg.....	George W. Phillips,
Jay.....	Bernard H. Coburn,
Lowell.....	Henry A. Parker,
Morgan.....	George W. Gray,
Newport.....	Willard R. Prouty,
Troy.....	Floyd J. Miller,
Westfield.....	Frank D. Martin,
*Westmore.....	Warner C. Daniels.

\* Deceased before convening of General Assembly.



## RUTLAND COUNTY.

Benson.....	George Deyette,
Brandon.....	George H. Young,
Castleton.....	James Cummings,
Chittenden.....	Chas. O. Wooster,
Clarendon.....	Louis N. Potter,
Danby.....	Guy. N. Baldwin,
Fair Haven .....	Philip M. M. Phelps,
Hubbardton.....	Samuel T. Parsons,
Ira.....	Dexter D. Day,
Mendon.....	George H. Sergeant,
Middletown Springs.....	Crocker J. Clift,
Mount Holly.....	Russell B. Archer,
Mount Tabor.....	James G. Casey,
Pawlet.....	Wm. O. Williams,
Pittsfield.....	Loren E. Lamb,
Pittsford.....	John B. Candon,
Poultney.....	Henry M. Matot,
Proctor.....	Benjamin Williams,
Rutland, City of.....	Walter S. Fenton,
Rutland, Town of.....	Lee Kingsley Osgood,
Sherburne.....	Heber B. Miner,
Shrewsbury.....	Byron H. Aldrich,
Sudbury.....	John G. Bucklin,
Tinmouth.....	Edward C. Taylor,
Wallingford.....	Hadwen D. Hopkins,
Wells.....	Smith W. Buxton,
West Haven.....	James E. Adams,
West Rutland.....	Charles A. Parker.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Barre, City of.....	Frank G. Howland,
Barre, Town of.....	James Lawson,
Berlin.....	William Brown,
Cabot.....	Orrill F. Barrett,
Calais.....	Dell B. Dwinell,
Duxbury.....	John R. Dillon,
East Montpelier.....	Lewis D. Coburn,
Fayston.....	Daniel McLaughlin,
Marshfield.....	Clayton H. Collins,
Middlesex.....	Torry W. Hill,
Montpelier.....	Lynn B. Brooks,
Moretown.....	Jacob W. Bates,
Northfield.....	Matthias Cannon, Jr.,
Plainfield.....	Waldo E. Perkins,
Roxbury.....	George A. Roys,
Waitsfield.....	Clayton M. Richardson,



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Warren.....	John L. Spalding,
Waterbury.....	Vernon L. Perkins,
Woodbury.....	George G. Hall,
Worcester.....	Chas. N. Curtis.

## WINDHAM COUNTY.

Athens.....	Fred P. Dunham,
Brattleboro.....	George L. Dunham,
Brookline.....	Herbert H. Howe,
Dover.....	Dan M. Hale,
Dummerston.....	Elbert C. Tenney,
Grafton.....	Fred O. Merrifield,
Guilford.....	Edwin W. Legate,
Halifax.....	Otis W. Amidon,
Jamaica.....	Roe E. Robinson,
Londonderry.....	Addison E. Cudworth,
Marlboro.....	Clifton D. Dalrymple,
Newfane.....	Dana R. Stedman,
Putney.....	Edward W. Aiken,
Rockingham.....	Frederick L. Osgood.
Somerset.....	Fred Vail Johnson,
Stratton.....	Ernest C. Pike,
Townshend.....	Edgar H. Allbee,
Vernon.....	Robert C. Allen,
Wardsboro.....	Martin L. Johnson,
Westminster.....	Charles G. Miller,
Whitingham.....	Edwin T. Wheeler,
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Adams, James E.....	Fish and Game.
Aiken, Edward W.....	Claims, Education.
Aldrich, Byron H.....	State and Court Expenses.
Allbee, Edgar H.....	State and Court Expenses.
Allen, George T.....	Fish and Game, Mileage and Debentures.
Allen, R. C.....	Temperance.
Amidon, Otis W.....	Agricultural, General.
Andrews, Lee C.....	Corporations and Franchises, Ways and Means.
Archer, Russell B.....	Suffrage and Elections.
Atwood, J. Howard.....	Agriculture, Taxation.
Austin, Walter S.....	Education (Chairman), Military Affairs.
Ayer, Frank C.....	Conservation.

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Bailey, Warren W. Sr....	General, Highways and Bridges.
Baker, Charles M.....	Library.
Valdwin, Guy L.....	Mileage and Debentures.
Ball, Coryden E.....	Library, Municipal Corporations.
Ball, Perley A.....	General.
Barber, Merton F.....	Suffrage and Elections.
Barrett, Orill F.....	Agriculture.
Bates, W. Jacob.....	Claims, General.
Beard, George W.....	Library, Suffrage and Elections, Taxation.
Becker, Charles A.....	Commerce and Labor, Fish and Game.
Beers, B. W.....	Mileage and Debentures.
Belknap, Perley S.....	Educational Institutions, Taxation.
Bell, George C.....	Appropriations, Claims.
Bellows, A. B.....	Claims, Conservation.
Bellows, Charles L.....	Claims, Highways and Bridges.



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Bentley, Alfred E.....	Claims.
Bix, Angus H.....	Conservation.
Blanchard, Henry E.....	Appropriations.
Bliss, Fred W.....	Agriculture.
Bond, George J.....	Highways and Bridges, Military Affairs.
Briggs, Alstine A.....	Conservation.
Bronson, Grant.....	Educational Institutions.
Brooks, Lynn B.....	Penal Institutions, Ways and Means
Brown, Asa.....	Conservation.
Brown, Rollin C.....	Federal Relations.
Brown, William.....	Commerce and Labor.
Bryant, Lester A.....	Military Affairs.
Buck, John B.....	Educational Institutions.
Bucklin, John G.....	Education.
Bundy, William H.....	Penal Institutions, Suffrage and Elections.
Burroughs, Frank E.....	Conservation.
Button, J. T.....	Commerce and Labor, Penal In- stitutions.
Buxton, Smith W.....	Public Buildings.

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Campbell, Willie I.....	Claims.
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Cannon, Matthias, Jr....	General, Mileage and Debentures.
Carlton, Fred C.....	Taxation.
Carpenter, Olney S.....	State and Court Expenses.
Casey, James G.....	Claims.
Chamberlin, F. H.....	Town Lines.
Chapman, Henry L.....	Library.
Chapman, John G.....	Claims, Penal Institutions.
Chase, Perry.....	Federal Relations (Chairman), Municipal Corporations.
Cheney, Arthur C.....	Commerce and Labor, State and Court Expenses.
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Coburn, Bernard H.....	Appropriations.
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Collins, Clayton H.....	Minor Courts.
Cook, Charles C.....	Taxation.
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Cudworth, Addison E . . .	Judiciary (Chairman), Public Buildings.
Cummings, James . . . . .	Corporations and Franchises, Military Affairs.
Cunnington, John . . . . .	Town Lines.
Curtis, C. N. . . . .	Suffrage and Elections, Temperance.

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Dana, Charles S. . . . .	Education, Minor Courts.
Day, Dexter D. . . . .	Municipal Corporations, Public Buildings.
Demick, H. W. . . . .	Temperance.
Deyette, George . . . . .	General, Taxation.
Dike, John W. . . . .	Corporations and Franchises.
Dillon, John R. . . . .	Military Affairs.
Drake, Samuel W. . . . .	Education, Public Buildings.
Dunbar, Henry T. . . . .	Public Health, Suffrage and Elections.
Dunham, Fred P. . . . .	Fish and Game.
Dunham, George L. . . . .	Conservation, Public Buildings (Chairman), Ways and Means.
Dunn, Arthur E. . . . .	Agriculture.
Dunton, Arthur J. . . . .	Military Affairs.
Dwinell, Dell B. . . . .	Education, Fish and Game.

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Eaton, Frank J. . . . .	Federal Relations, Municipal Corporations.
Esden, George W. . . . .	Mileage and Debentures, Suffrage and Elections.

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Fenton, Walter S. . . . .	Judiciary, State and Court Expenses (Chairman), Temperance Joint Rules (Chairman).
Field, Paul S. . . . .	Temperance.
Finnegan, Dennis C. . . . .	Corporations and Franchises, Public Health.
Finney, Mitchell C. . . . .	Library, Military Affairs.
Fitzgerald, Fred W. . . . .	Corporations and Franchises, Mileage and Debentures (Chairman), State and Court Expenses.
Flint, Herbert F. . . . .	General, State and Court Expenses.



Fogg, Allston L. . . . . Public Health, Temperance (Chairman).  
 Foley, Cortis M. . . . . Military Affairs.  
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Gates, Arthur H. . . . . General, Ways and Means.  
 Gill, Frank D. . . . . Agriculture, Highways and Bridges.  
 Gray, George W. . . . . Mileage and Debentures.  
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 Hall, Allen M. . . . . Highways and Bridges, Mileage and Debentures.  
 Hall, George G. . . . . Corporations and Franchises, Public Health.  
 Hall, Henry E. . . . . Municipal Corporations.  
 Hardy, Joseph N. . . . . Conservation, Education.  
 Hayden, D. J. . . . . Public Buildings, State and Court Expenses.  
 Hayes, Harry L. . . . . Public Buildings, Town Lines.  
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 Hemenway, Romaine L. . . . Highways and Bridges.  
 Hemingway, Charles L. . . . Fish and Game.  
 Hicks, John H. . . . . Appropriations, Library (Chairman).  
 Higgins, Raymond A. . . . General, Public Health.  
 Higgins, Thomas. . . . . Education, Temperance.  
 Hight, Chester H. . . . . Mileage and Debentures, Minor Courts.  
 Hill, Tory W. . . . . Library.  
 Hinds, G. H. . . . . Military Affairs, Suffrage and Elections.  
 Holbrook, Harold A. . . . Fish and Game, Mileage and Debentures.  
 Hooper, Richard S. . . . . Corporations and Franchises, General.  
 Hopkins, H. D. . . . . Educational Institutions.  
 Howe, Herbert H. . . . . Mileage and Debentures.  
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Johnson, Fred Vail . . . . . Corporations and Franchises, Mi-  
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Johnson, Martin B. . . . . Federal Relations, Highways and  
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LaFleur, Ira H.....	Claims (Chairman), Judiciary.
Lamb, Loren E.....	Town Lines.
Lawson, James.....	Commerce and Labor.
Leach, Charles G.....	Taxation.
Legate, Edwin W.....	Federal Relations.
Leonard, Charles S.....	Corporations and Franchises, Gen- eral.
Lynaugh, Arthur.....	Commerce and Labor.

Martin, Frank D.....	Penal Institutions.
Martin, Lucius P.....	Library, State and Court Expenses.
Matot, Henry M.....	Minor Courts.
McCray, William M.....	Fish and Game, Highways and Bridges.
McLam, John A.....	Educational Institutions, Minor Courts.
McLaughlin, Daniel.....	Municipal Corporations, Temper- ance.
Meech, Daniel E.....	Penal Institutions.
Merrifield, Fred O.....	Education, Minor Courts.



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Metzger, Fraser.....	Banking and Insurance, State Institutions (Chairman), Education.
Miles, O. G.....	Library, Minor Courts.
Miller, Arthur L.....	State and Court Expenses.
Miller, Charles G.....	Taxation.
Miller, Floyd J.....	Suffrage and Elections.
Miner, Heber, B.....	Commerce and Labor.
Moore, Ernest E.....	Judiciary, Ways and Means (Chairman), Rules (Chairman).
Moore, Herbert L.....	Claims.
Moore, Sardine H.....	State and Court Expenses.
Mott, Micajah T.....	Educational Institutions, State and Court Expenses.

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Noble, Will T.....	Claims, Penal Institutions.
Noonan, Stephen E.....	Fish and Game, Ways and Means.

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O'Dowd, James.....	Educational Institutions.
O'Neil, Howard J.....	Fish and Game, Taxation.
Orcutt, Frank H.....	Public Health.
Osgood, Frederick L.....	Appropriations, Public Health (Chairman).
Osgood, Lee Kingsley....	Corporations and Franchises.
O'Sullivan, Daniel E.....	Corporations and Franchises, Minor Courts, Temperance, Joint Rules.

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Parker, H. A.....	Municipal Corporations.
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Parsons, Samuel T.....	State Institutions.
Perkins, Vernon L.....	Appropriations, Highways and Bridges.
Perkins, Waldo E.....	Conservation.
Perrin, David A.....	Appropriations, Banking and Insurance.
Phelps, Philip M. M....	Judiciary, Suffrage and Elections (Chairman), Rules.
Phillips, George W.....	General, State Institutions.
Pike, Ernest C.....	Penal Institutions.



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Pirie, James K.....	Commerce and Labor (Chairman), Educational Institutions.
Pollard, Park H.....	Judiciary, Penal Institutions (Chairman), Rules.
Porter, Wells C.....	Agriculture, Education.
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Preston, Fred W.....	Fish and Game.
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Ranney, Fred O.....	Commerce and Labor.
Rawson, Fred C.....	Banking and Insurance, Educational Institutions.
Reirden, W. W.....	Judiciary, Minor Courts (Chairman).
Richardson, Clayton M..	Educational Institutions, Military Affairs.
Ricker, Harry M.....	Commerce and Labor.
Robinson, Julian L.....	Military Affairs.
Robinson, Roe E.....	Corporations and Franchises.
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Roys, George A.....	State and Court Expenses.
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Russell, Charles H.....	Claims, Penal Institutions.
Ryan, Thomas F.....	Taxation.

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- H. 261. An act to amend subdivision A of section 21 of No. 201 of the acts of 1912, as amended, relating to the taking of wild ducks, 195, 260.

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- H. 266. An act to amend sections 4962, 4963, 4965, 4966 and 4967 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 121 of the acts of 1908, relating to trademarks, 196, 267, 271, 389, 464.

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- H. 267. An act to amend sections 7 and 9 of No. 150 of the acts of 1896, as amended, relating to the charter of the city of St. Albans; making the office of lister an appointive office, 196, 247, 254, 300, 338.

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- H. 269. An act to amend section 3044 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 108 of the acts of 1912 and by No. 102 of the acts of 1915, relating to property rights of married women; including property held as tenant by the entirety, 197, 305.
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- H. 271. An act to amend section 4004 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 97 of the acts of 1908, relating to highways, creating county supervisors of highways, 198, 222, 227, 335, 375.



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- H. 272. An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis, 199, 421, 425, 511, 572.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

- H. 273. An act to amend section 1 of No. 163 of the acts of 1915, relating to public service corporations other than railroads; providing for the granting of a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the Public Service Commission, 199, 320, 322, 453, 667, 677, 723, 745.

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- H. 274. An act to amend section 3477 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 110 of the acts of 1910 and by No. 119 of the acts of 1912 and by No. 116 of the acts of 1915, relating to town officers; prohibiting the town officers from holding certain offices, 199, 258, 263, 349.

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- H. 275. An act to amend section 745 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 2 of No. 35 of the acts of 1910 and by section 1 of No. 57 of the acts of 1915, relating to taxation of trust companies; including tax on securities, 199, 516, 524, 598, 605, 628.

By Mr. Finnegan of Hyde Park,

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By Mr. Pollard of Cavendish,

- H. 277. An act to amend section 3 of No. 116 of the acts of 1908, relating to the duties of the Public Service Commission; extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture distribution or sale of gas or electricity directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public, 199, 229, 241, 546, 551, 572.



By Mr. Wright of Coventry,

- H. 278. An act to provide for the election of water commissioners by the town of Coventry, 206, 255, 263, 314, 350.

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

- H. 279. An act to appropriate a sum of money to build a highway bridge between the towns of Alburg and Swanton, 206, 701.

By Mr. Parker of Bradford,

- H. 280. An act to authorize the village of Bradford to issue bonds, 206, 255, 263, 314, 350.

By Mr. Allbee of Townshend, (by request),

- H. 281. An act to amend section 4169 of the Public Statutes and to repeal section 4171 of the Public Statutes, relating to care of cemeteries by towns, 206, 256, 341, 354, 370, 491, 494, 583.

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- H. 282. An act to grant Dennis C. Finnegan permission to practice dental surgery, 206.

By Mr. Gridley of Windsor,

- H. 283. An act relating to the ownership and disposition of certain church property, 206, 376, 413, 418, 773, 777, 798.

By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City,

- H. 284. An act to amend section 371 of the Public Statutes, relating to the definition of fiscal year, 206, 267, 271, 314, 336, 340, 446, 458, 521.

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- H. 285. An act permitting state religious organizations to hold property in trust in certain cases, 207, 388.



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- H. 286. An act to extend the time within which the construction of railroads heretofore authorized may be commenced or finished, 208, 255, 263, 661, 741.

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- H. 287. An act to consolidate and merge the Brattleboro Graded School District and the village of Brattleboro with the town of Brattleboro, 208, 477, 481, 631, 640, 668, 727.

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- H. 288. An act to amend section 6210 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 6 of No. 178 of the acts of 1908, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables; changing the mileage allowed for service of process to the number of miles actually travelled by sheriff, 208, 291, 297, 733, 782.

By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

- H. 289. An act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unorganized towns and gores, 208, 265, 271, 359, 374, 464.

By Mr. Sinclair of Essex,

- H. 290. An act to amend and consolidate No. 120 of the acts of 1892 and all amendments and additions thereto, relating to the village of Essex Junction, 216, 413, 418, 472, 521.

By Mr. Kimball of Bethel,

- H. 291. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 263 of the acts of 1910, as amended by sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 282 of the acts of 1912, relating to state aid for indigent veterans; providing aid for wives of indigent veterans, 216, 606, 608, 733, 782.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

- H. 292. An act to amend section 33 of No. 141 of the acts of 1915, relating to private corporations; providing for the attachment of stock and sale on execution, 217, 265, 271, 752.



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- H. 293. An act to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee, 217, 247, 260, 268, 458, 474, 545, 572.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

- H. 294. An act relating to the fraudulent concealment of causes for personal actions, 217, 229, 241, 314, 351.

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- H. 295. An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of No. 167 of the acts of 1894, relating to the electric lighting plant of the village of Barton, and to extend the powers of said village in respect thereto, 217, 656, 676, 733, 782.

By Mr. Pike of Stratton,

- H. 296. An act levying a tax on the county of Windham for the purpose of paying indebtedness contracted in repairing the Windham County Jail, 217, 255, 263, 315, 351.

By Mr. Richardson of Waitsfield,

- H. 297. An act to amend section 4517 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 144 of the acts of 1915, relating to loitering in railroad stations and telephone offices, 217, 266, 271, 389, 464.

By Mr. Moore of Plymouth,

- H. 298. An act to amend No. 144 of the acts of 1908, as amended by No. 185 of the acts of 1915, increasing the bounty on bob-cats, 218, 305.

- H. 299. An act to repeal No. 40 of the acts of 1910, relating to appeals by taxpayers and towns from appraisals, 218, 269.

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- H. 300. An act to reorganize the state board of health and to impose on such board the duties of supervisors of the insane, 220, 366, 370, 492, 510, 519, 522, 561, 581, 670, 671.



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By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

- H. 301. An act to amend section 1 of No. 121 of the acts of 1912, as amended by No. 120 of the acts of 1915, enabling towns to appropriate money for county agricultural extension work, 220, 259, 263, 315, 318, 335, 341, 473, 475, 521.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol,

- H. 302. An act to provide an appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene for the purpose of aiding in the control of white diarrhoea among fowls, 220, 345, 353, 667, 678, 742.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

- H. 303. An act to amend section 2690 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to legal holidays: providing that Lincoln's birthday shall be a legal holiday, 221, 419.

By Mr. Wilson of Bristol,

- H. 304. An act relative to the registration of persons, firms, and corporations designing to install wires or apparatus for electric light, heat or power purposes, 221, 625.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

- H. 305. An act relating to the taking of deer doing damage, and to appeals from appraisals therefor, 237, 291, 298.

By Mr. Howe of Brookline,

- H. 306. An act relating to the control and management of selected highways, 237, 321, 322.

By Mr. Wilson of Chelsea,

- H. 307. An act to enable the proprietors and pew owners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chelsea to make repairs to said church and remove and rearrange pews therein, 237, 291, 297, 381, 464.



By Mr. Root of Bennington,

- H. 308. An act to enable the town of Bennington to refund its bonded indebtedness falling due July 1, 1917, 237, 366, 370, 389, 395.

By Mr. Waite of Shoreham,

- H. 309. An act to amend sections 1261, 1367, 1792, 1804, 1807 and 1812 of the Public Statutes, relating to the trial of causes in county court and the court of chancery, abolishing the appointment of masters, auditors, referees in

By Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington,

- H. 310. An act to repeal sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of No. 168 of the acts of 1910, as amended by section 1 of No. 180 of the acts of 1912, relating to the sale of oleomargarine, 238, 499.

By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

- H. 311. An act in amendment of and in additon to chapter 226 of the Public Statutes, relating to standards of purity for food products, 238, 313, 319, 358, 380.

By Mr. Carlton of Canaan,

- H. 312. An act to change the name of Leach Pond to Forest Lake, 238, 291, 297, 381, 465.

By Mr. Parker of Bradford,

- H. 313. An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of No. 152 of the acts of 1912, relating to the weight of motor vehicles, 238, 625.

By Mr. Carlton of Canaan,

- H. 314. An act relating to the open season for fishing in Forest Lake or Leach Pond, 238, 444, 455, 614, 691.

By Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier,

- H. 315. An act to appropriate a sum therein named for the purpose of relocating and building a piece of state road in the town of East Montpelier, 238, 685, 787.



By Mr. Dunbar of Hartland,

- H. 316. An act relating to tuberculous animals, 239, 368.

By Mr. Brooks of Montpelier,

- H. 317. An act relating to repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, 239, 366, 370, 423, 479.

By Mr. Tuttle of Vergennes,

- H. 318. An act to appropriate a certain sum to build a dormitory at the Vermont Industrial School, 239, 343, 353.

By Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte,

- H. 319. An act to provide for warning signs at drawbridges, 239, 291, 298, 381, 465.

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- H. 320. An act relating to evidences of money loaned, written or endorsed at an indeterminate or conditional rate, 239, 259, 274, 278, 286, 358, 380.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

- H. 321. An act relating to the building of a bridge across the Mississquoi River at Richford, 242, 574.

By Mr. Taylor of Derby,

- H. 322. An act to repeal and amend certain sections of No. 188 of the acts of 1898; abolishing the highway district of Derby Center, 242, 420, 425, 597, 628.

By Mr. Sinclair of Essex,

- H. 323. An act to repeal No. 4 of the acts of 1915, relating to the direct primary and providing for a referendum, 242, 422, 437.

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- H. 324. An act to permit the Public Service Commission to order the extension of the tracks of the Berkshire Street Railway Company in the village of Bennington, 243, 702, 719, 793.



By Mr. LaFleur of Middlebury,

- H. 325. An act to amend paragraph C of section 31 of No. 201 of the acts of 1912, relating to the codification and amendment of the fish and game laws; permitting fishing in Lake Dunmore, 252, 302, 311, 389, 465.

From the committee on agriculture,

- H. 326. An act to amend section 18 of No. 225 of the acts of 1912, as amended by section 5 of No. 202 of the acts of 1915, relating to the payment for tuberculous animals, 252, 268, 283, 304, 312, 433, 520.

By Mr. Dunton of Sheffield,

- H. 327. An act to provide for the issuing of duplicate fishing and hunting licenses, 252, 332, 334, 389, 465.

By Mr. Smalley of Morristown,

- H. 328. An act to prevent unfair discrimination and competition in certain commodities or articles of commerce between different sections, communities, localities, cities, or towns, and prescribing a penalty therefor, 252, 303, 312, 473, 485, 521.

By Mr. Candon of Pittsford, (by request),

- H. 329. An act to amend sections 3715, 3731 and 3732 of the Public Statutes, relating to the care of insane paupers, 261, 445, 455, 489, 545, 572.

By Mr. Pike of Stowe,

- H. 330. An act to enable the town of Stowe to issue its bonds for the purpose of raising money with which to repair, make additions to and equip the schoolhouse in the village of Stowe, 261, 357, 381, 395.

By Mr. Jelly of Dorset,

- H. 331. An act to aid the town of Dorset in repairing a certain highway, 261, 453.



By Mr. Metzger of Randolph,

- H. 332. An act to amend No. 195 of the acts of 1876, as amended by No. 95 of the acts of 1890, relating to the charter of the village of West Randolph, 261, 394, 397, 472, 521.

By Mr. Gill of Springfield,

- H. 333. An act to provide for licensing dealers in junk, 261, 305.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester, (by request),

- H. 334. An act to amend section 5125 of the Public Statutes, relating to the number of licenses in a town, and granting preference to hotels of twenty furnished bedrooms, 262, 305.

From the committee on taxation,

- H. 335. An act to amend subdivision XI of section 496 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions from taxation, 262, 278, 286, 358, 395.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

- H. 336. An act in amendment of and in addition to section 8 of No. 158 of the acts of 1910, relating to investments of banks; extending powers of banks to invest in certain securities, 270, 526, 528, 586, 595, 662, 676, 723, 729, 735, 798.

By Mr. Adams of Westford,

- H. 337. An act to provide for the licensing of horse dealers, 270, 321.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

- H. 338. An act to amend section 4693 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 170 of the acts of 1912, relating to the definition of domestic and foreign investment companies, 270, 367, 370, 472, 521.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

- H. 339. An act to amend sections 2, 3, and 4 of No. 289 of the acts of 1912, relating to the investigation



of the water powers of the state and for determining the best methods for utilizing the same, 282, 313, 319, 359, 382, 383, 427, 442, 521.

By Mr. Perkins of Waterbury,

- H. 340. An act to authorize the village of Waterbury to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a lighting system, 282, 398, 413, 472, 521.

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

- H. 341. An act to incorporate the village of Alburg, 282, 420, 425, 472, 521.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington,

- H. 342. An act to provide for cooperation with the United States geological survey in continuing the topographical survey of the State of Vermont, 284, 343, 353, 627, 634, 792, 794.

By Mr. Puffer of Richford,

- H. 343. An act to amend section 6153 of the Public Statutes, as amended by joint resolution No. 414 of the session of 1908, relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner, 284, 541, 551, 558, 566, 593.

By Mr. Hale of Dover,

- H. 344. An act to amend subdivision A of section 27 of No. 201 of the acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 178 of the acts of 1915, relating to fish and game; changing length of trout which may be taken and changing season in which trout may be taken and possessed, 284, 368.

By Mr. Fenton of Rutland City,

- H. 345. An act to amend section 6141 of the Public Statutes and sections 2, 3 and 8 of No. 161 of the acts of 1910, sections 1 and 2 of No. 175 of the acts of 1912 and section 215 of No. 1 of the acts of 1915, relating to the commissioner of weights and measures and the salary of the state treasurer, 284, 478, 503, 509, 582, 629.



By Mr. King of Milton,

- H. 346. An act relating to the care and control of the bridge across the Lamoille River in the westerly part of the towns of Colchester and Milton, 285, 485, 487, 513.

By Mr. McLam of Ryegate, (by request),

- H. 347. An act relating to sale of land for burial purposes, 285, 377, 429, 441, 545, 572.

By Mr. Mott of Alburg,

- H. 348. An act to authorize the village of Alburg to acquire land for sewer purposes, 285, 428, 441, 597, 629.

By Mr. Collins of Marshfield,

- H. 349. An act to amend section 5590 of the Public Statutes, relating to the restraining of bulls and giving a right of action to recover damages, 285, 368.

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

- H. 350. An act appropriating a certain sum to aid the Vermont State Firemen's Association and creating the Vermont Firemen's Relief Board, 294, 321, 332, 720.

By Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, (by request),

- H. 351. An act relating to assessments by societies or lodges for charitable purposes, 295, 479.

By Mr. Parsons of Hubbardton,

- H. 352. An act granting to John H. Lutz of Grand Isle, Vermont, and Clarence A. Lutz and William H. Lutz of the State of New York, a ferry across Lake Champlain, between Grand Isle and Gravelly Point Cumberland Head, New York, 295, 609, 626, 636, 735, 738, 782.

By Mr. Aldrich of Shrewsbury,

- H. 353. An act to amend subdivision A of section 13 of No. 201 of the acts of 1912, relating to the killing of deer; changing the open season, 295, 487.



By Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro,

- H. 354. An act to provide uniform traffic regulations, 309, 429, 441, 491, 558.

By Mr. Stuart of Lyndon,

- H. 355. An act to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon, 309, 525, 537, 630, 691.

From the committee on appropriations,

- H. 356. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the acts of 1912, as amended by section 1 of No. 199 of the acts of 1915, relating to care of indigent tuberculous persons, 309, 321, 386, 394, 360, 558.

From the committee on agriculture,

- H. 357. An act relating to the sale of tuberculin in the State of Vermont, 309, 321, 332, 433, 520.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

- H. 358. An act relating to the highway bridge over the railway track in the village of Proctor, 309, 376, 384, 433, 520.

By Mr. Colburn of Jay, (by request),

- H. 359. An act to amend section 5364 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 151 of the acts of 1908, as amended by section 2 of No. 188 of the acts of 1915, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, compelling an applicant for examination to be a graduate of a medical college or university in the United States, 309, 414.

From the committee on agriculture,

- H. 360. An act to authorize the Governor to lease lands, 310, 321, 332, 460, 521.

By Mr. Williams of Proctor,

- H. 361. An act to amend section 4009 of the Public Statutes, as amended, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways, 317, 543, 550, 725, 729, 783.



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By Mr. Matot of Poultney,

- H. 362. An act to amend section 169 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 8 of the acts of 1912, relating to assistant clerks; providing a penalty for failure to perform services, 317, 426, 559, 725, 730, 783.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

- H. 363. An act to amend section 7 of No. 219 of the acts of 1912, as amended by No. 199 of the acts of 1915, relating to the care of indigent tuberculous persons, 317, 574.

By Mr. Moore of Ludlow,

- H. 364. An act to repeal No. 197 of the acts of 1912, relating to the inspection of licensed premises by license commissioners, 318, 465.

By Mr. Porter of Sharon,

- H. 365. An act to amend section 4083 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 136 of the acts of 1915, relating to operators' and chauffeurs' licenses, 318, 379.

By Mr. Mtezger of Randolph,

- H. 366. An act relating to town district school meetings, 318, 357, 371, 492, 558.

By Mr. Gates of Franklin,

- H. 367. An act to amend section 5 of No. 253 of the acts of 1912, relating to the payment of accounts of the purchasing agent, 318, 386, 394, 545, 572.

By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown,

- H. 368. An act to amend section 65 of the Public Statutes, and to repeal sections 3364 and 3365 of the Public Statutes, providing for the election of county clerks, 318, 349.

By Mr. Hinds of Eden,

- H. 369. An act relating to fishing in Lake Eden, 333, 358, 370, 427, 480.



By Mr. Smalley of Morristown,

- H. 370. An act to amend No. 313 of the acts of 1910, as amended by No. 321 of the acts of 1912, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville and in addition thereto", 337, 542, 550, 725, 741.

By Mr. Gates of Franklin,

- H. 371. An act to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance moneys, upon requisition, to state officers and to provide for bond of indemnity, 337, 377, 385, 545, 572.

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

- H. 372. An act to authorize the purchase of portable stone crushers for use by the several counties of the state, 337, 379, 383, 613, 664.

By Mr. Foley of Montgomery,

- H. 373. An act to pay the Weekly Underwriter the sum therein named, 337, 420, 426, 597, 629.

By Mr. Buxton of Wells,

- H. 374. An act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wells to maintain a screen at the outlet of Lake St. Catherine, 340, 378, 385, 427, 480.

From the committee on judiciary,

- H. 375. An act to amend certain sections of the Public Statutes, relating to drawing of grand and petit jurors and to establish a board of jury commissioners, 340, 354, 371, 433, 443, 521.

By Mr. Cook of Thetford, (by request),

- H. 376. An act to constitute a board of appraisers of domestic manufacturing, mercantile, public utility and trading corporations, not under the law exempt from local taxation, 351, 389, 398, 588, 595.



By Mr. Sweeney of Brighton,

- H. 377. An act relating to certain reports from foreign corporations to the commissioner of taxes, 351, 600.

From the committee on municipal corporations,

- H. 378. An act to amend No. 259 of the acts of 1906, relating to Bellows Falls village corporations, empowering said village to take and hold property for the purposes therein named, 352, 378, 385, 472, 522.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

- H. 379. An act to amend section 1 of No. 34 of the acts of 1915, relating to exemptions on account of charges of book account, 351, 589.

By Mr. Merrifield of Grafton,

- H. 380. An act relating to dealers in evergreen trees, 351, 466.

From the committee on municipal corporations,

- H. 381. An act to amend section 5 of No. 313 of the acts of 1915, relating to the issue of bonds by the Newbury Lighting District, 352, 378, 385, 472, 522.

By Mr. Deyette of Benson, (by request),

- H. 382. An act to provide for the uniform appraisal and taxation of property owned or operated for the generation, sale or transmission of electrical energy, 351, 613, 625.

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

- H. 383. An act appropriating a sum of money for the Soldiers' Home at Bennington for the purpose of erecting buildings destroyed by the fire of February 18, 1917, 359, 574.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville,

- H. 384. An act to amend section 3442 of the Public Statutes, relating to compensation of listers, 359, 547.



By Mr. Rublee of Berkshire,

- H. 385. An act to amend subdivision III of section 510 of the Public Statutes, relating to taxation of registered stock, 369, 414, 434.

From the committee on taxation,

- H. 386. An act to repeal No. 46 of the acts of 1912, entitled "An act to provide for an annual census of the maple sugar crop, and of certain domestic animals", 369, 387, 394, 556, 559, 583, 594, 695, 703, 741.

By Mr. Howland of Barre City,

- H. 387. An act to amend No. 164 of the acts of 1915, relating to compensation to employees for personal injuries, 375, 687, 743, 748, 798.

By Mr. Beard of Waterville, (by request),

- H. 388. An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of No. 104 of the acts of 1910, entitled "An act requiring town clerks to transmit birth, marriage and death records, not previously returned, to Secretary of State", 375, 479.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham,

- H. 389. An act to amend section 6140 of the Public Statutes, as amended by No. 182 of the acts of 1908, relating to the Governor's salary and expenses, 376, 589, 595, 726, 730, 736, 737, 755, 774, 798.

By Mr. Hall of Woodbury,

- H. 390. An act to authorize the town of Woodbury to issue bonds for the purpose therein named, 376, 513, 524, 630, 691.

By Mr. Root of Bennington,

- H. 391. An act creating a highway district of the town and village of Bennington, 384, 665.

By Mr. Allbee of Townshend,

- H. 392. An act authorizing the Governor to convey by deed to Fred W. Watson of Townshend the privi-



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lege of taking water from a certain spring situated of the property of the state, 384, 482, 488, 545, 572.

By Mr. Amidon of Halifax,

- H. 393. An act to create a water power and conservation commission, to provide for the developement of water power by the state and to authorize the issue of bonds for water power development, 384, 665.

By Mr. Prouty of Newport,

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1916.

In accordance with the proclamation of His Excellency, the Governor, the members of the House of Representatives convened at the State House in Montpelier on the twenty-fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, Hon. John E. Weeks, Speaker, called the House to order, when devotional exercises were conducted by the Chaplain, James H. Wills.

The proclamation of the Governor was read by the Clerk and is as follows:

By Charles W. Gates, Governor.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Vermont troops are now serving in the United States army to preserve and maintain peace and protect our citizens on the Mexican border;

Whereas, such service is being willingly and patriotically performed by our men at a sacrifice to personal interest and duty to family and home;

Whereas, it appears that the compensation received by these men is not sufficient to meet their needs and the needs of their families and that if provision is not soon made for such purpose such families must become subject to charity;



Therefore, I, Charles W. Gates, Governor of the State of Vermont, do hereby, by virtue of the Constitution in this respect, summon the members of the Senate and House of Representatives to meet in Montpelier in their respective chambers in the State House, together with the officers of the two Houses, on the 24th day of August A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to provide for such compensation to Vermont troops, in addition to United States pay, and for such relief to their families and their dependents as may seem advisable.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the state this 16th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and the Independence of the United States one hundred and forty-first.

(seal)

CHARLES W. GATES,

Governor.

By the Governor.

Benjamin Gates,

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to call the roll, and the following named members were present and answered to their names:

*Addison County.*

Addison.....	Joseph D. Hayward,
Bridport.....	Edward Nichols,
Bristol.....	Frank T. Briggs,
Cornwall.....	Abram W. Foote,
Ferrisburg.....	Herbert A. Booth,
Goshen.....	Solon E. Brown,
Granville.....	Henry E. Jennett,
Hancock.....	Carl C. Hubbard,
Leicester.....	George C. Lennert,
Lincoln.....	George Garland,
Middlebury.....	John E. Weeks,
Monkton.....	Dwight W. Eddy,
Orwell.....	Thomas H. Purcell,
Panton.....	S. F. Gaines,
Ripton.....	M. Edson Day,
Salisbury, .....	Solon P. Leland,
Shoreham.....	Charles E. Cook,
Starksboro.....	Walter E. Smith,



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Vergennes.....	George W. Stone,
Waltham.....	DeWitt Parker,
Weybridge.....	Herbert L. Thompson,
Whiting.....	Edward W. Baker.

*Bennington County.*

Bennington.....	Arthur E. Hollister,
Dorset.....	Nathaniel McWayne,
Glastenbury.....	John L. Mattison,
Landgrove.....	J. Edward Thomson,
Manchester.....	John A. Dimond,
Peru.....	Marshall J. Hapgood,
Pownal.....	Clyde A. Peckham,
Readsboro.....	Fred W. Horton,
Rupert.....	Samuel A. Hay,
Sandgate.....	Arthur E. Mears,
Searsburg.....	Fred H. Bagley,
Shaftsbury.....	Francis E. Rice,
Stamford.....	Arthur E. Dunn,
Sunderland.....	Edward E. Ward,
Winhall.....	E. L. Bolster,
Woodford.....	Carol D. Stone.

*Caledonia County.*

Barnet.....	H. C. Holbrook,
Burke.....	Leroy G. Roundy,
Danville.....	Eugene W. Hunt,
Groton.....	Lee S. Blanchard,
Hardwick.....	Melvin G. Morse,
Kirby.....	Willie P. Russell,
Lyndon.....	Hale M. Atwood,
Newark.....	Orlo H. Park.
Peacham.....	Albert J. Mackay,
Ryegate.....	Horace F. Chamberlain,
St. Johnsbury.....	Fred D. Gilman,
Sheffield.....	T. A. Randall,
Stannard.....	Jason D. Hutchins,
Sutton.....	W. N. Robinson,
Walden.....	John W. Thurston,
Waterford.....	Fred C. Bullock,
Wheelock.....	Lafayette Leavitt.

*Chittenden County.*

Bolton.....	Francis R. O'Brien,
Burlington.....	Charles F. Black,
Colchester.....	A. E. Burdick,



Essex.....	Orvis S. Nichols,
Hinesburgh.....	Carlton W. Bostwick,
Huntington.....	Ernest G. Norton,
Jericho.....	Frank S. Jackson,
Milton.....	Thomas S. Berry,
Richmond.....	Thomas Ryan,
Shelburne.....	B. C. Marsett,
South Burlington.....	Daniel O'Brien,
St. George.....	Mitchell W. Hinsdale,
Underhill.....	Peter J. Leddy,
Westford.....	Charles E. Whipple,
Williston.....	Byron C. Johnson.

*Essex County.*

Bloomfield.....	Frank S. Bartlett,
Brighton.....	Thomas F. Butler,
Brunswick.....	John L. Mills,
Canaan.....	Henry W. Lund,
Concord.....	Irwin Turner,
East Haven.....	George C. Spencer,
Granby.....	George L. Shores,
Guildhall.....	Lester D. Fogg,
Lemington.....	Watson L. Blodgett,
Lunenburg.....	Kyle T. Brown,
Maidstone.....	C. H. Beattie,
Norton.....	Leon C. Rich,
Victory.....	E. C. Story.

*Franklin County.*

Bakersfield.....	Winfred O. Start,
Berkshire.....	Clayton B. Rublee,
Enosburg.....	Jamin O. Kimball,
Fairfax.....	Herbert B. Bellows,
Fairfield.....	W. H. Fairchild,
Fletcher.....	Elmer J. Hooper,
Franklin.....	H. R. Olmstead,
Georgia.....	James A. Ryan,
Highgate.....	Oscar A. Rixford,
Montgomery.....	John W. LaFountain,
Richford.....	Charles A. Powell,
St. Albans, City of.....	J. Gregory Smith,
St. Albans, Town of.....	Patrick J. Ward.

*Grand Isle County.*

Alburg.....	William A. Soule,
Grand Isle.....	William Martel,



Isle La Motte.....Charles LaBombard,  
 North Hero.....Howard J. O'Neil,  
 South Hero.....John McBride.

*Lamoille County.*

Belvidere.....Henry A. Slayton.  
 Cambridge.....Bert E. Reynolds.  
 Eden.....Frank E. Harrington,  
 Elmore.....Charles W. Merriam.  
 Hyde Park.....John Miner,  
 Johnson.....Mark F. Davis,  
 Morristown.....Milton H. Boardman,  
 Stowe.....Mark C. Lovejoy,  
 Waterville.....Eugene C. Wells,  
 Wolcott.....John N. Colgrove.

*Orange County.*

Bradford.....Edward E. Porter,  
 Braintree.....Rupert G. Mann,  
 Brookfield.....Fred Flint,  
 Chelsea.....Stanley C. Wilson,  
 Corinth.....Mark J. Jewell,  
 Fairlee.....B. Walter Abbott,  
 Newbury.....Warren W. Bailey,  
 Orange.....Edgar L. Sanborn,  
 Randolph.....Alfred C. Wells,  
 Strafford.....Henry A. Stickney,  
 Thetford.....Otis D. Bond,  
 Tunbridge.....George H. Granger,  
 Vershire.....Augustus B. Blanchard,  
 Washington.....Rufus K. Abbott,  
 West Fairlee.....Henry H. Titus,  
 Williamstown.....James K. Pirie.

*Orleans County.*

Albany.....Charles F. Wright,  
 Barton.....Charles E. Hamblet,  
 Brownington.....George A. Wiggins,  
 Charleston.....Fred L. Parlin,  
 Coventry.....Ethan A. Adams,  
 Craftsbury.....M. Z. Thompson,  
 Glover.....George W. Anderson,  
 Greensboro.....Armour S. Babcock,  
 Irasburg.....George W. Russell,  
 Jay.....B. H. Coburn,  
 Lowell.....A. P. Sweet,



Morgan.....	Clyde R. Durgin,
Newport.....	William W. Blodgett,
Troy.....	John A. Dubois,
Westfield.....	E. H. Hitchcock,
Westmore.....	Henry L. Hinton.

*Rutland County.*

Brandon.....	W. A. Atwell,
Castleton.....	James Cummings,
Clarendon.....	John H. Kingsley,
Danby.....	Elkanah Parris,
Fair Haven.....	Phillip M. M. Phelps,
Hubbardton.....	C. S. Manchester,
Ira.....	Harrison W. Fish,
Mendon.....	Fred Ranger,
Middletown Springs.....	Thomas Mooney,
Mount Holly.....	David C. Colburn,
Mount Tabor.....	Samuel Mason,
Pittsfield.....	C. O. Allen,
Pittsford.....	G. Frank Hendee,
Poultney.....	James B. Carrigan,
Proctor.....	Redfield Proctor,
Rutland, City of.....	George E. Chalmers,
Rutland, Town of.....	Edwin J. Fox,
Sherburne.....	Clarence L. Coates,
Shrewsbury.....	George N. Jones,
Sudbury.....	E. J. Foster,
Tinmouth.....	William C. F. Hoadley,
Wallingford.....	Herbert G. Savery,
Wells.....	Guy F. Wood,
West Haven.....	Joel S. Carty,
West Rutland.....	Carroll B. Ross.

*Washington County.*

Barre, City of.....	Emery L. Smith,
Barre, Town of.....	Albert C. Dickey,
Cabot.....	Walter B. Lance,
Calais.....	Herbert S. Foster,
Duxbury.....	B. R. Demeritt,
East Montpelier.....	George H. Clark,
Fayston.....	L. J. Nelson,
Marshfield.....	Edwin W. Pitkin,
Middlesex.....	Ralph W. Putnam,
Montpelier.....	Horace M. Farnham,
Northfield.....	William B. Mayo,
Plainfield.....	Arthur W. Hewitt,
Roxbury.....	Andrew J. Ladd,



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Waitsfield.....	Josiah A. Smith,
Waterbury.....	Henry F. Hill,
Woodbury.....	S. Rich Waite,
Worcester.....	T. E. Doty.

*Windham County.*

Athens.....	Stephen Smith,
Brattleboro.....	Francis E. Perry,
Brookline.....	Albert A. Austin,
Dover.....	J. J. Snow,
Dummerston.....	E. B. Howard,
Grafton.....	Samuel T. Leonard,
Guilford.....	Roy C. Ingraham,
Halifax.....	C. E. Thurber,
Jamaica.....	George H. Gleason,
Londonderry.....	Emery A. Mellendy,
Marlboro.....	Green L. Worden,
Newfane.....	Lewis H. Higgins,
Putney.....	Edward W. Aiken,
Rockingham.....	Warner A. Graham,
Somerset .....	Fred V. Johnson,
Stratton.....	E. A. Eddy,
Townshend.....	John H. Ware,
Vernon.....	B. H. Newton,
Wardsboro,.....	Leon G. Stocker,
Westminster.....	Elwin G. Butterfield,
Whitingham.....	Hulbert A. Wheeler,
Wilmington.....	Frank J. Corbet,
Windham.....	Lyman E. Jenison.

*Windsor County.*

Andover.....	Charles S. Leonard,
Baltimore.....	Frank L. Kendall,
Barnard.....	John A. Moore,
Bethel.....	J. Wesley Miller,
Bridgewater.....	Elisha P. Perkins,
Cavendish.....	George H. Parker,
Chester.....	Charles E. Wellman,
Hartford.....	James A. Stacey,
Hartland.....	Charles G. Spaulding,
Ludlow.....	Ernest E. Moore,
Norwich.....	Albert C. Brigham,
Plymouth.....	Warren R. Spaulding,
Pomfret.....	Artemus P. Clifford,
Reading.....	Walter S. Austin,
Rochester.....	Leslie D. Pierce,
Royalton.....	Lewis C. Dickerman,



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Sharon.....	Fred O. Billings,
Springfield.....	Henry E. Taylor,
Stockbridge.....	Henry L. Baker,
Weathersfield.....	John H. Hicks,
Weston.....	Charles E. Bolster,
West Windsor.....	Albert P. Dunsmoor,
Windsor.....	Horace P. McClary,
Woodstock.....	John S. Eaton.

The following named members had deceased since the last regular session:

Charlotte .....	James F. Williams,
Swanton.....	James F. Pierce,
Warren.....	O. M. Jones.

The following named members were absent:

Arlington .....	Herbert A. Hulet,
Benson .....	William F. Cummings,
Berlin.....	Arthur L. Hewitt,
Chittenden .....	Charles S. Parker,
Derby .....	Fred T. Caswell.
Holland.....	James Flinn,
Moretown.....	Lannes Wilcox,
New Haven .....	Julius E. Cowles,
Pawlet.....	Herbert H. Blakely,
Sheldon.....	Joseph C. Derosia,
Topsham.....	Orange P. Dickey.

Mr. Soule of Alburg offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 1.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the Clerk of the House be directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and they are ready, on their part, to proceed with the business of the session;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Proctor of Proctor offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 2.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the rules of the last session be and the same are hereby adopted as the rules of this House, except the following:

First. Omit Rule 1;

Second. Omit Rule 23;



Third. Omit all of Rule 27 after the word "times" in line 2;

Fourth. Omit all of Rule 40 after the word "assistants" in line 2; .

Fifth. Omit Rules 41 to 46, inclusive;

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker announced the appointments of the several standing committees to be the same as they were at the last session.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Page, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has assembled and are on their part ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Mr. Wilson of Chelsea offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 3.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and that the House of Representatives is now ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make;

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker appointed as such committee,

Mr. Wilson of Chelsea,  
Porter of Bradford.

Mr. Wilson, for the committee, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and that His Excellency, the Governor, would communicate with the House in writing.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Gates, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that he will deliver his message in the presence of the General Assembly on such date and hour as the two Houses may fix upon.



Mr. Smith of Starksboro moved that the House extend a vote of sympathy to Mr. Hulet, the member from Arlington, who was detained at home by reason of the serious illness of his daughter;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

(J. R. S. 1.) Joint resolution relating to joint rules and joint committees;

(J. R. S. 2.) Joint resolution relating to joint assembly;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Hapgood of Peru offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 1.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That we hereby empower the Honorable Hale K. Darling to duly recommend to the next legislature, as a part of his regular duties as the Commissioner of the Revision of our Statutes, what laws, or parts of laws, now upon our Statute Book should be repealed not only on account of being redundant but also on account of being useless and obsolete;

Which was read and on motion of Mr. Nichols of Essex, referred to the committee on judiciary.

Joint resolutions from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 1.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the joint rules of the last session be the joint rules of this session, and that the same joint committees be appointed as were last session;

(J. R. S. 2.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the two Houses meet in joint assembly at eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes this day to receive a message from His Excellency, the Governor;

Were severally read and adopted in concurrence.



Mr. Graham of Rockingham moved that the House extend its sympathy to Mr. Caswell, the member from Derby, who was detained at home by illness;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith of St. Albans City moved that the following rule be adopted;

Rule 41. No bill shall be considered by this House except such measures as come within the scope of the message of His Excellency, the Governor;

Which was agreed to.

*Joint Assembly.*

At eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes, the hour for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows:

By Mr. Proctor of Proctor,

H. 1. An act to provide for expenses of the present session of the General Assembly;

To the committee on mileage and debentures.

By Mr. Foster of Calais,

H. 2. An act to provide additional pay for enlisted men of the National Guard of Vermont while in the active service of the United States;

To the committee on military affairs and the committee on appropriations.

By Mr. Graham of Rockingham,

H. 3. An act to provide for the support of dependents of enlisted men of the Vermont National Guard;

To the judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Woodford, the House adjourned.



## AFTERNOON.

Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 4.) *Whereas*, J. B. Williams, member of this House from the town of Charlotte, died recently,

*Resolved*, that we deplore the loss of a good citizen, a brave soldier, and a faithful legislator; that the sympathy of this House be extended to the members of the family of the deceased, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions;

Which was read and agreed to.

Mr. Miller of Bethel offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 2.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*: That the General Assembly of the State of Vermont at its special session held August 24, 1916, hereby declares it to have been its intention in section 6 of subsection (b), subdivision 3 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An act to provide for primary elections", approved April 1, 1915, to provide that the signatures on primary petitions to be filed for the offices of state senators and assistant judges should be substantially the same in number as those to be filed for other county offices, county clerks being relied upon to provide a just basis for computing the two per cent of signatures in those cases;

Which was read and on motion of Mr. Stone of Vergennes, referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Miller of Bethel introduced a bill, entitled

H. 4. An act to amend section 22 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

And moved that Rule 41 be suspended and the bill taken under consideration by the House;

Which was agreed to and the bill was referred to the committee on elections.

Mr. Foster, from the committee on military affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 2. An act to provide additional pay for enlisted men of the National Guard of Vermont while in the active service of the United States;



Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

In the last line of section 1, by striking out the figures "19" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures 18;

Which amendment was agreed to, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Mayo of Northfield introduced the following resolution:

(H. R. 5.) *Whereas*, O. M. Jones of Warren and James F. Pierce of Swanton, members of this House, died recently,

*Resolved*, that we deplore the loss of two good citizens and faithful legislators; and that the sympathy of the House be extended to the members of the families of the deceased, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Jones of Shrewsbury offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 3.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*: That the Chaplains of the Senate and House in attendance upon the present special session shall receive the same mileage and per diem as members;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker*:

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on their part adopted a joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. S. 3.) Joint resolution relating to the publication, promulgation and distribution of the Acts and Resolves of the present session;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled



(J. R. H. 2.) Joint resolution relating to No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to provide for primary elections";

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House when amended,

By striking out all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*That it is hereby declared to have been the intention of this Legislature, in section 6, subdivision (b) of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to provide for primary elections," approved April 1, 1915, to provide that if more than one person is to be elected to any of the offices therein included the number of signatures required on such petitions should be not less than two per cent of the total vote cast for the candidate of each party for such office who received the highest number of votes at the last preceding election;*

Which amendment 2 as agreed to, and the joint resolution as amended was adopted on the part of the House.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

(J. R. S. 3.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the laws relating to the publication, promulgation and distribution of Session Laws be construed as not applying to the Acts and Resolves of the present session, but such Acts and Resolves shall be published and included in the book containing the Acts and Resolves of the Session of 1917;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Moore, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 1.) Joint resolution relating to the simplification of our laws;

Reported adversely to its adoption on the part of the House, and its adoption was refused.

Mr. Lance of Cabot offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 6.) *Whereas*, Arthur L. Hewitt the member from Berlin, is detained at home on account of illness,

*Resolved*, That we deplore his absence at this particular time as we are deprived of his wisdom and years of experience, and hope for his speedy recovery;



And be it further resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Hewitt;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Graham of Rockingham moved that the House take a recess until seven o'clock this evening,

Which was agreed to.

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### EVENING.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered joint resolution, entitled

(J. R. H. 2.) Joint resolution relating to No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to provide for primary elections";

And have refused the same a third reading.

Mr. Graham, from the committee on judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 3. An act to provide for the support of dependents of enlisted men of the Vermont National Guard;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

First. By adding to subdivision (f) of section 2 the following: *nor shall payments to the members of any one family exceed thirty-five dollars per month and no person shall be accredited as a dependent of more than one soldier;*

Second. By adding a new section to be numbered section 3, as follows:

*Sec. 3. In case the United States shall provide for and pay the dependents specified herein or any of them to any extent, the amounts to be paid under this act to such dependents as are affected by such Federal action shall be reduced thereafter in such sums and under such regulations as the governor, auditor of accounts and treasurer shall prescribe;*



Third. By renumbering sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively 4, 5, 6 and 7.;

Which amendments were severally agreed to, the third reading of the bill as amended was ordered and the bill was read the third time as amended and passed.

Mr. Doty, from the committee on mileage and debentures, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 1. An act to provide for the expenses of the present session of the General Assembly;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended,

First. In section 1, line 1, by striking out the word "six" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "nine";

Second. In the same section, line 7, by striking out the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty";

Third. In section 2, line 3, by inserting in the blank the words "one hundred and thirty-three thousand";

Which amendments were severally agreed to, the third reading of the bill as amended was ordered and the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Hendee, from the committee on elections, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

H. 4. An act to amend section 22 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

Reported in favor of its passage, the third reading of the bill was ordered, the bill was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Soule of Alburg moved that the bill be committed to a member to amend,

In section 1, line 2, by striking out the words "not more than" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *within*;

Which was agreed to, the bill was committed to that member to so amend and as amended was passed.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their assistant Secretary, as follows:



*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles:

S. 1. An act to provide for soldiers voting at the general election, November 7, 1916;

S. 2. An act to provide for soldiers voting at the primary election, September 12, 1916;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

They have considered House bill, entitled

H. 2. An act to provide additional pay for enlisted men in the National Guard of Vermont, while in the active service of the United States;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

They have considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 3.) Joint resolution relating to pay of the Chaplains;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Mr. Proctor of Proctor offered the following joint resolution:

(J. R. H. 4.) *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:* That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, without day, on Friday, August 25th, at twelve o'clock;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate bills of the following titles, under a suspension of Rule 41, were read the first and second times and referred to the committee on elections:

S. 1. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the general election, November 7, 1916;

S. 2. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the primary election, September 12, 1916.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Alburg, the House adjourned.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1916.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Chaplain.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to read the journal of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Nichols of Essex, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Flint, from the committee on elections, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 1. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the General Election, November 7, 1916;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, and the third reading of the bill was ordered, the bill was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill,

In Section 6, line 1, after the word "act" by adding the following: *and said presiding officer may administer the free-man's oath to a person entitled to take the same at such election;*

Which proposal of amendment was agreed to, and the bill as proposed to be amended was passed in concurrence.

Mr. Demeritt, from the same committee, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

S. 2. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the primary election, September 12, 1916;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, the third reading of the bill was ordered and the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has considered House bills of the following titles:



H. 3. An act to provide for the support of dependents of enlisted men of the Vermont National Guard;

H. 4. An act to amend section 22 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for primary elections;

And has passed the same in concurrence.

They have considered House bill, entitled

H. 1. An act to provide for the expenses of the present session of the General Assembly;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

They have considered joint resolution from the House, entitled

(J. R. H. 4.) Joint resolution relating to final adjournment;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Senate proposals of amendment to House bill, entitled

H. 1. An act to provide for the expenses of the present session of the General Assembly;

*First.* In section 1, line 1, by striking out the word "nine" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six*;

*Second.* In the same section, line 6, by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word *ten*;

*Third.* In section 2, line 3, by striking out the word "three";

Were severally considered, and the first of which was concurred in, and the question being, Will the House concur in the second proposal of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 182. Nays, 41.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Miller of Bethel, sustained by a constitutional number, were taken and are as follows:



## Those voted in the affirmative are Messrs.:

Abbott of Fairlee,	Fox,	Olmstead,
Abbott of Washington,	Gleason,	O'Neil,
Adams,	Graham,	Park,
Aiken,	Hamblet,	Parker of Waltham,
Allen,	Harrington,	Parlin,
Anderson,	Hayward,	Peckham,
Austin of Brookline,	Hendee,	Perkins,
Atwell,	Hewitt of Plainfield,	Perry,
Atwood,	Hicks,	Phelps,
Babcock,	Higgins,	Pitkin,
Bailey,	Hill,	Porter,
Baker of Stockbridge,	Hinsdale,	Powell,
Baker of Whiting,	Hinton,	Proctor,
Bartlett,	Holbrook,	Purcell,
Bellows,	Hollister,	Randall,
Berry,	Hooper,	Ranger,
Billings,	Hubbard,	Reynolds,
Black,	Hunt,	Rich,
Blanchard of Groton,	Hutchins,	Rixford,
Blanchard of Vershire,	Ingraham,	Robinson,
Blodgett of Lemington,	Jackson,	Ross,
Blodgett of Newport,	Jenison,	Roundy,
Boardman,	Jennett,	Rublee,
Bolster of Weston,	Jewell,	Russell of Irasburgh,
Bond,	Johnson of Somerset,	Russell of Kirby,
Booth,	Johnson of Williston,	Ryan of Georgia,
Brigham,	Jones of Shrewsbury,	Ryan of Richmond,
Brown of Lunenburg,	Kendall,	Sanborn,
Bullock,	Kimball,	Savery,
Burdick,	Kingsley,	Smith of Athens,
Butler,	LaBombard,	Smith of Barre City,
Butterfield,	Ladd,	Smith of St. Albans City,
Carrigan,	LaFountain,	Smith of Waitsfield,
Chalmers,	Lance,	Snow,
Chamberlin,	Leavitt,	Spalding of Hartland,
Clifford,	Leddy,	Spencer,
Coates,	Leland,	Stacey,
Coburn,	Leonard of Andover,	Start,
Colburn,	Lovejoy,	Stickney,
Colgrove,	Lund,	Stone of Vergennes,
Cook,	McBride,	Story,
Corbett,	McClary,	Sweet,
Cummings of Castleton,	Mackay,	Taylor,
Davis,	Manchester,	Thomson,
Demeritt,	Mann,	Thompson of Craftsbury,
Dickerman,	Marsett,	Thompson of Weybridge,
Dickey of Barre Town,	Martel,	Thurston,
Dunn,	Mayo,	Titus,
Dunsmoor,	Melendy,	Turner,
DuBois,	Merriam,	Ware,
Durgin,	Miller,	Wellman,
Eddy of Monkton,	Mills,	Wells of Randolph,
Eddy of Stratton,	Mooney,	Wells of Waterville,
Fairchild,	Moore of Barnard,	Wheeler,
Farnham,	Moore of Ludlow,	Whipple,
Fish,	Morse,	Wiggins,
Flint,	Nelson,	Wilcox,
Fogg,	Newton,	Wilson,
Foote,	Nichols of Essex,	Worden,
Foster of Calais,	O'Brien of Bolton,	Wright,
Foster of Sudbury,	O'Brien of South Burlington,	

## Those voted in the negative are Messrs.:

Austin of Reading,	Hay,	Rice,
Bagley,	Hitchcock,	Shores,
Beattie,	Hoadley,	Slayton,
Bolster of Winhall,	Horton,	Smith of Starksboro,
Brown of Goshen,	Howard,	Soule,
Carty,	Lennert,	Spaulding of Plymouth,
Clark,	McWayne,	Stocker,
Day,	Mattison,	Stone of Woodford,
Dimond,	Mears,	Thurber,
Doty,	Nichols of Bridport,	Waite,
Eaton,	Parker of Cavendish,	Ward of St. Albans Town,
Gaines,	Parris,	Ward of Sunderland,
Granger,	Pierce of Rochester,	Wood,
Hapgood,	Putnam,	



Those members absent and not voting were Messrs.:

Blakely,  
Bostwick,  
Briggs,  
Caswell,  
Coburn,  
Cowles,  
Cummings of Castleton,  
Derosia,  
Dickey of Topsham,  
Flinn,  
Garland,

Gilman,  
Hewitt of Berlin,  
Hulet,  
Leonard of Grafton,  
Mason,  
Miner,  
Norton,  
Parker of Chittenden,  
Pirie,  
Ryan of Richmond.

And the question being, Will the House concur in the third Senate proposal of amendment? It was decided in the affirmative.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Gates, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the 24th day of August he approved and signed a bill and a joint resolution originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 2. An act to provide additional pay for enlisted men of the National Guard of Vermont while in the active service of the United States.

(J. R. H. 3.) Joint resolution relating to pay of the Chaplains.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Taft, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill, entitled

S. 1. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the general election, November 7, 1916;

And have concurred therein.



The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 25th day of August he approved and signed bills and a joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the general election, November 7, 1916.

S. 2. An act to provide for soldiers' voting at the primary election, September 12, 1916.

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H. 1. An act to provide for the expenses of the present session of the General Assembly.

H. 3. An act to provide for the support of dependents of enlisted men of the Vermont National Guard.

H. 4. An act to amend section 22 of No. 4 of the Acts of 1915, providing for the primary elections.

(J. R. H. 4.) Joint resolution relating to final adjournment.

Mr. Hamblet of Barton offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 7.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That a committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the House has, on its part, completed the business of the session, and is ready to adjourn without day;

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker appointed as a committee to give such information to His Excellency, the Governor,

Mr. Hamblet of Barton,  
Miller of Bethel.



A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Page, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate has on its part completed the business of the session and is ready to adjourn without day.

Mr. Taylor of Springfield offered the following resolution:

(H. R. 8.) *Resolved by the House of Representatives:* That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House has, on its part, completed the work of the session and is ready to adjourn without day;

Which was read and adopted.

The committee appointed to inform the Governor as to the completion of the business of the session on the part of the House reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and that the Governor would communicate with the House in writing.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Gates, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:*

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that he has received the communication of the House of Representatives, that they have on their part finished the business of the session, and that he has no further communication to make.

At twelve o'clock noon, on Friday, August 25, 1916, in accordance with the joint resolution so directing, the Speaker declared the House of Representatives adjourned without day.

HARRY A. BLACK,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true journal of the proceedings of the House of Representatives of the State of Vermont, for the special session thereof, beginning on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1916.

HARRY A. BLACK,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

STATE HOUSE,  
Montpelier, Vermont,  
August 25, 1916.







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